

Elementary School (The lower grades)

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I want to have such a things in Okinawa

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Everyone, do you like Okinawa?

It has been eight years since I was born in Okinawa. Okinawa is warmer regions so the coral reefs and the color of the fish are beautiful. Those are my favorite things in Okinawa. The tropical fish in Okinawa are colorful and those colors stand out in the sea. My favorite fish is “Kumanomi” (a yellow-tailed anemone fish) because I like the combination of orange and black colors. I also like the sun that has very beautiful color of orange.

There are a wide range of delicious foods in Okinawa. Especially, I like a Goya Chanpuru (an Okinawan dish which consists of bitter melon fried with pork, tofu and other vegetables). Goya Chanpuru is a bit bitter for me but I like it because goya has a lot of nutritious and I also want to be tall.

My father and mother like Okinawan noodles. My mother says her favorite points of the Okinawa noodles are its smooth texture and large sized pork. I also often eat it.

There are “Gajyumaru (banyan) trees” in Okinawa. “The Kijimuna”, which are small wood spirits according to Okinawan mythology, are said to live in “the Gajyumaru trees”. I would like to see “the Kijimuna” because I have never seen them. I like to play with my friends in public parks. However, there are not many public parks to provide shade. In the summer, it is very hot for me when I play in the parks. If there are many Gajyumaru trees in the parks, I can have a rest in the shade of the trees and it can be also possible to meet the Kijimuna so that I want to plant Gajyumaru trees in the parks. If I met the Kijimuna, I would like to ask, “How many people do you have in your family?”

Although I like Okinawa, I regret that there are no amusement parks and roller coasters in Okinawa. I hope there are roller coasters in Okinawa and then people can go on the rides at the parks any time they want. Okinawa will be more fun if there was an amusement park in Okinawa and also a roller coaster shaped like an Iriomote wildcat (living on Iriomote Island of Okinawa) or Chinsuko (a traditional sweet/a small biscuit) because it does not exist anywhere.