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On a recent visit to the Arahama Elementary School Memorial Site in Sendai, Japan, we embarked on a journey to delve into the historical significance of this location. Our day was filled with profound insights, as we explored the events surrounding the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami.

● **Activity Highlights:**

Upon arriving at the memorial site, our day began with a comprehensive overview of the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake. This background knowledge set the stage for our exploration of the exhibition hall, where photographs, artifacts, and videos vividly depicted life before and after the devastating earthquake.

A guided tour led us through the school building, providing invaluable insights into each area's significance. We examined the building's resilient structure, which had withstood the earthquake and tsunami, reinforcing the importance of robust infrastructure and disaster preparedness.

After the tour, a group discussion allowed us to share our impressions and viewpoints, enriching our understanding of the site's historical significance.

Following our discussions, we were granted time for personal reflection, an opportunity to process our emotions and thoughts provoked by the visit. This introspective moment allowed us to appreciate the resilience of communities and the strength of the human spirit.

● **Knowledge Acquired:**

Our visit deepened our understanding of the importance of disaster preparedness, resilient infrastructure, and community unity. We learned about the early warning systems that played a crucial role in saving lives during the tsunami. This knowledge emphasized the significance of ongoing efforts to enhance disaster preparedness and response worldwide.

Impressions:

The visit to Arahama Elementary School Memorial Site was a poignant and enlightening experience. It underscored the resilience of communities in the face of adversity and highlighted the critical role of disaster preparedness and infrastructure. Our discussions with locals further emphasized the human capacity for strength and unity during challenging times.

In conclusion, our visit left an indelible mark on us, reinforcing the importance of disaster awareness, preparedness, and community resilience. We are committed to sharing our experiences and insights, contributing to the broader efforts aimed at creating safer and more resilient communities.

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