

What do you imagine when you hear someone say “March?” In Japan, the wind becomes very warm, and you could feel the start of spring. I first started feeling spring when I looked at the leaves on the trees in Canada. It’s not super cold, but the temperature only reaches up to nine degrees. Despite having cold weather, I witnessed some people not wearing jackets or even long-sleeved shirts! I think people who live in Canada are resilient to cold weather. I’m so jealous. As you know, spring reminds us of hay fever, and it is the worst allergic reaction ever. It makes me upset because of running nose, itchy eyes and wearing masks and glasses. I have been fighting hay fever every single spring since the age of ten. However, this spring, I haven’t had any symptoms at all, but I don’t think that pollen doesn’t exist in this country. Apparently, the amount of cedar pollen in Canada is less than that in Japan. If I were allowed to stay here longer, I would live here for sure.

By the way, I got my midterm report card since it’s been more than two months since I started second semester. The classes I have are religion, music, English and science. In this semester they were pretty good, especially science. I like music, English and science, but I don’t like the class of religion so much. Before I came here, I thought I could understand different ways of thinking such as value or religion, however, it turned out that knowing something and understanding something are completely different. We learn about Christianity in religion class, since my school is a Catholic school. The teacher is a Christian, she taught us morals and rules quoting the bible sometimes. I thought rules and morals were not so related to religion, but I noticed there are people who think rules and morals should be followed because God said so. They also think we should forgive and be kind to other people because God told them to do so. Religion is complicated and it’s very hard to understand for me, but I’d like to learn about it during the rest of my religion class this year.



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