外国につながる児童生徒の家庭における日本語の 使用状況と教科の学力の関係に関する一考察

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本調査は、外国につながる児童生徒の家庭における日本語の使用状況が、教科の学力とどう関係するかを検証することを目的として、国際数学・理科教育動向調査 (Trends in International Mathematics & Science Study 略称TIMSS) 2019年の質問項目「家でどのくらい日本語を話しますか」の回答の中から、外国につながる小学校4年生と中学校2年生の児童生徒のデータを抽出し、算数・数学と理科の学力との関係性について分析した。

その結果、家庭で「いつも日本語を話している」以外の「ほとんどいつも話している」「ときどき話す」「全く話さない」と答えた児童生徒のうち、外国につながる児童生徒が含まれる割合は、小学校4年生で13.4%、中学校2年生で21.3%であった。家庭で「いつも日本語を話している」外国につながる児童生徒の学力は、日本人児童生徒とほぼ同等であるが、それ以外の「ほとんどいつも話している」「ときどき話す」「全く話さない」場合の外国につながる児童生徒の学力は、日本語を話す頻度が下がるに従って低下することがわかった。また、教科の比較においては、学力の差は、算数・数学よりも理科の方が大きいことが明らかになった。

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A Study on the Correlation Between the Frequency of Japanese Language Usage at Home and the Academic Performance of Immigrant-Background Students

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This study aimed to investigate the correlation between the frequency of Japanese language usage at home among immigrant-background students and their academic performance. Data were collected from fourth-year elementary and second-year junior high school students with ties to foreign countries using the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2019 questionnaire. The questionnaire assessed Japanese language usage at home, and their academic abilities were evaluated accordingly. Analysis revealed that of the students who answered "almost always," "sometimes," or "never," that is, excluding those who answered that they always speak Japanese at home, 13.4% of 4th year elementary and 21.3% of 2nd year in junior high school students were students with foreign connections. Immigrant students who consistently spoke Japanese at home exhibited levels of academic performance comparable to those of Japanese children. However, academic performance declined among immigrant students who "almost always," "sometimes," or "never," spoke Japanese, indicating a correlation between the frequency of Japanese usage and academic ability. Moreover, a noticeable difference in academic performance was observed between natural sciences and mathematics.

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