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An Iwanami Film produced by Teizo Oguchi. Directed by Susumi Hani. Scenario by Shizuo Komura. Music by Norihiko Wada. English narration.

How children think, feel and develop is the general subject of this fascinating film of Japanese primary school children observed during an entire school year. In particular, the film is a sustained study of the art activities of first grade children in a Tokyo school under the expert guidance of a sensitive and

understanding teacher. We "follow" selected children of different personalities in their customary individual and group activity within the class, the playtime, and at home.

The film shows how children may be encouraged to express themselves freely through art media (crayon, finger paint, oil, clay). We see how home and school experience of the individual child may influence the subject, the variety of subjects, and the feelings communicated in spontaneous creative effort. We also observe some of the behavioral changes which gradually occur over the period.