

KINDERGARTEN

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Teachers and families working together to help children learn good habits for building healthy bodies and minds

At Jiyu Gakuen, we believe kindergarten is a time for promoting positive communication and excellent lifestyle habits in a pleasant environment for developing healthy bodies and minds.

Every kindergarten class has a special "hard work!" day once a week. This is a longer school day in which children are given more time to practice the basics of everyday life; such as how to wash their hands, how to gargle, and how to get dressed on their own. As the children engage in these chores, their teachers ensure that they understand their purpose and enough time is given for them to absorb each skill. On "hard work!" day, children will also draw pictures and play musical instruments together.

During the other four days of the week, children take part in such activities as taking care of animals and plants, playing with friends, playing sports, and going on walks through the campus.

The kindergarten curriculum focuses on daily life habits, which are being cultivated both at school and at home in cooperation between teachers and the children's family members.

HISTORY

Jiyu Gakuen added its kindergarten program in 1939 to form the first stage of its unified primary and secondary school education system. One year prior to the establishment of the kindergarten, Jiyu Gakuen alumni held a large forum on the topic of the ideal home life and preschool children's education under the motto: "Excellent daily habits make excellent minds, excellent characters, excellent skills, excellent health, and therefore excellent human beings." It was this forum that led to the foundation of the kindergarten.



Children practicing hand washing



Lunch time