

ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
(SHOTO-BU)



Learning the basics and being in contact with real things to cultivate interest and a positive learning attitude

At the elementary school, we strive to provide an education that will enable the development of inner being and wisdom. For such an education, we focus on children's daily lives—for it is our belief that wisdom comes out of one's efforts to make our own daily lives happier. From each child's own experience of their everyday life, they will learn a variety of things, and the memories of these experiences will enrich their lives.

Under the motto, "See well, listen well, and do well," the curriculum focuses on taking time to really learn the basics. Through a variety of activities on our spacious, nature-rich campus, as well as many off-campus events such as the overnight trip to the Nasu Farm, Jiyu Gakuen's elementary school education provides as many opportunities as possible for children to come into contact with real things, which will enable them to have more questions, engage in more discoveries, and find more chances to deepen their interests.

It is our aim to provide children with a wide variety of experiences while their bodies and minds are still young and adaptable, so that they can develop a finely tuned sensitivity and deep wisdom.

HISTORY

The coeducational elementary school was founded in 1927, following the establishment of the Girls Department. With only one class (40 students) in each grade, the school emphasizes a highly personalized education in which children and teachers are able to form deep and lasting relationships during their six-years together. In addition to the school motto, "See well, listen well, and do well," Jiyu Gakuen emphasizes good lifestyle habits such as "early to bed, early to rise, and study efficiently."



A Japanese-language class



Sketching a cow at Nasu Farm