



Message from the Principal

よろしくお願いします

園長 和宇慶 江理子

ご入園ご進級おめでとうございます。

新入園児にとっては新しい生活に、進級児にとってはお兄さん、お姉さんになった喜びに心を弾ませていることと思います。しかし、初めての入園の方々は親子共に不安や心配があるかも知れません。特にお母さま方は、泣かないかな、お友達はできるかな、と心配していることでしょう。登園を嫌がる時には、子どもの言っている言葉をオウム返しにするといいでしょう。「行きたくない」と言ったら「行きたくないのね」と。それだけで受け入れられた、自分の思いをわかってくれたと落ち着くものです。

幼稚園では、子ども達一人一人の成長を願い、日々の生活をしっかり見つめ、見守っていきます。そして、「アミークスって楽しいなあ」と感じる子ども達の笑顔を見られるよう、職員一同一丸となって頑張っています。どうぞ、よろしくお願いします。



Congratulations on your children entering Amicus Kindergarten and moving up to K2. They look excited about becoming kindergarteners and upper graders. Parents of K1 might be filled with anxiety and concerns. Especially mothers may be worried about if their children will not get well into the school atmosphere and cry out or if they will be able to make friends. When your child is unwilling to go to school, and tells you that he/she does not want to go, my advice is that you just repeat what he/she says. "You do not want to go to school?" Your repetition of exactly what they say would make them feel understood and accepted.

We will support your children and keep an eye on them in the hope that they will grow up right. We work together as a team, I think soon your children will say "We like AMICUS." I look forward to your continued support and cooperation.



K1

Welcome to Amicus everyone! We are so happy and excited to see you grow in Kindergarten. We hope to hear your greetings and see your sweet smiles everyday. We hope that everyone will show concern for your friends, learn to be independent and develop your skills.
Let us enjoy learning together!



K2

Welcome back Kindergarten students! We are so excited to have you as our new K2 friends. We are excited to see everyone grow more, to think, learn and act independently while learning and playing with each other. We look forward to another great year together.



This month's events:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 K2 Opening Ceremony	10 K1 Entrance Ceremony	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Eyesight/Hearing Check 聴力・視力検査	18 Open Class & PT Meeting (am)	19	20	21
22	23	24 Urine & Pinworm Test 尿・蛭虫検査	25	26	27 Kinder Birthday Party	28
29 National Holiday: Showa day	30 Replacement Holiday					

Family Field Trip

All parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in this field trip. Please come with your child and meet us by **9:30** in front of the Information Area.

Date: Wednesday, May 2nd

Place: Southeast Botanical Garden

What to bring: Lunch, Snack, Water Bottle, Towel, Hat, and Mat.

*If you ordered school lunch, your order will be cancelled for this day.

親睦も兼ねて東南植物楽園 へ、親子遠足に行きます。**9 : 3 0**にお子様と一緒に現地集合（ビオスの丘 入場門）となっています。

日時等は、下記の通りです。

日付: 5月2日（水曜日）

場所: 東南植物楽園

持ち物: お弁当、スナック、水筒、タオル、帽子、レジャーシート

*スクールランチを注文された方は、園でキャンセルいたします。



Kindergarten Team



My name is Saeko Webb. I am a qualified Early Childhood Education teacher and who has worked in this field while raising 3 children in Canada. About 10 years ago, we moved to Okinawa. I am a highly motivated and a compassionate individual who loves children. I have a strong desire to help and I'm dedicated to developing children into their own unique individual. I firmly believe that the kindergarten stage of a child's life is a crucial and a fundamental stage. I have a deep passion and always look forward to being involved in their lives to make a difference.

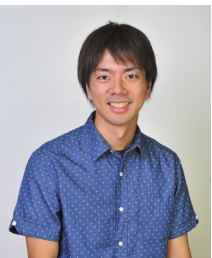


Hello Everyone! My name is Maxine Berry. Welcome to Amicus Kindergarten!

I am from Toronto Canada but I have been living in Japan for 12 years. I started working in Amicus in 2011 and I love it! This year I will teaching till the month of June after which I will take maternity leave to welcome my new twins! I am excited but I am really looking forward to starting this new school year together, learning, playing and growing with all our students. Yoroshiku onegaishimasu!!



Whalecome to Amicus Kindergarten. My name is Ashley Russell. I am from Okinawa. I love to go on adventures and I love the ocean. This year I am looking forward to "Playing to learn, learning to play" with all of our Kindergarten students!!



Konnichiwa! I am Mr. Akiho. I want to have a wonderful year with all of you. I am excited to play and create interesting art with everyone. Let us learn English and play nicely with everyone together.



Hi there! This is my third year in AMICUS and my sixth year in teaching. I grew up in an international school in Okinawa just like all of you at AMICUS. Then I went overseas over 10 years before I came back here in Okinawa. I am super excited to see you back and meet new faces. I cannot wait to see all your faces light up the room! -Mr. Yama



Magandang araw sa inyong lahat! (Good day everyone!) I am Ms. Rochelle Lingco. I am from an island in the Philippines with a beautiful ocean and nature like Okinawa. It will be my fifth school year in AMICUS so, I am looking forward to teaching and learning with all of you. Let us enjoy and have fun! :)



Hello! I am Miss Sawako. I am from Yomitan Village in Okinawa. I like beautiful Okinawan nature and weather. I also like swimming and singing a lot. Let's play together!



My name is "Jonathan" -- please call me "Mr. Jon". My family name "Rasmussen" is Danish, but I don't speak the language. I am American, and I spent most of my childhood (and adulthood) in Japan, to include Okinawa. I enjoy reading books out loud, making animal noises, and playing guessing games!



Learning to play.
Playing to learn.

