



Dear Shinka Class Parents,

We are excited to have your child join the Shinka Class! They are the biggest boys and girls at Tedako. In this class, the children will form strong bonds with their classmates and teachers. The Shinka class is a very fun and exciting class. We would like to welcome you with open arms and open hearts! The word “Shinka” is an Okinawan word that means “Friendship”.

The kindergarten program at Tedako is a comprehensive approach to learning. This means we will integrate more than one curriculum area at a time. The children will learn in bi weekly themes. There are some weeks that there is so much going on that it’s hard to get everything done, so we will carry a theme over to the next week. If you see a topic that you would like us to present to the class, please let us know.

Everything is play-based as research in child development has proven that play based activities are more meaningful for children. We will however work to get your child ready for elementary school, whether international or Japanese through teacher directed activities too.

Our program is unique in the fact that children will be conducted English and Japanese. We also go outside and explore the world around us, provide much-needed visual presentations, go on field trips, and provide many objects for the kids to use their five senses. Please see the attached daily schedule for more details of our daily program.

Feel free to contact us at shinka@oist.jp, on Class Dojo, or by phone 098-982-3303 (OIST

Ext. 23303) if you have any further questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you and your child.

Best,

Shinka Class Teachers

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