

Earth8ight Universal School

Okayama City Registered Early Learning Center Bilingual School

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◆ Overview

■ Earth8ight Universal School

- Establishment Date: August 10, 2014
- Location: 1200-4 Shimonakano, Kita-ku, Okayama
- Okayama City Registered Bilingual School
- President of the Board: Norihide Mitsumoto
- School Executive Director: Takahiro Sawa
- Director: Mai Mitsumoto

■ Program List

- Copel (age 0-6)
- Earth8ight Toys (age 0-4)
- Pioneers English (age 2-18)
- a.school (age 6-15)
- English STEAM (age 5-12)
- Satellite Campuses: Asahijuku • Shujitsu • Ritsumeikan School

◆ Life at School

■ Commuting to School

- Drop-off : 8:30~9:00
- Pick-up : 15:00~16:30 (Extended care 18:00)

■ School Lunch

- Choice of school lunch or obento (lunch brought from home)
- Snack made at school provided to all students

■ Uniform

- In order to honor children's autonomy and individuality, there are no designated uniforms, gym clothes, indoor shoes, bags, etc.

■ Applications for Admission

• In our commitment in valuing the unique growth of each child, we do not refuse applications based on illness or disabilities. However, please note that the school's resources may be limited depending on the child's needs. The availability of community and government-approved support organizations may be limited compared to the Kanto and Kansai metropolitan areas. We kindly ask for your understanding in advance.

• Earth8ight Universal School's philosophy consists of "pursuing the best environment where children's dreams and the families' wishes can grow together." Through this philosophy, we believe in the importance of teacher advancement and professional development. The school continues to collaborate with domestic and international universities, research institutions, and local governments. Please take notice that we take documentation and observational notes of each of our students, in order to pursue best practices in early childhood education.

• The features and shared values of Earth8ight Universal School are explained on our website and in our brochure. We kindly request that you read these resources before submitting your application.

◆ 2024 School Admissions Information

■ Recruitment of Preschoolers

- 1-year-old class : Born 2022.4~2023.3 3 spots available
- 2-years-old class : Born 2021.4~2022.3. 3 spots available
- 3-years-old class : Born 2020.4 ~2021.3 2 spots available
- 4-years-old class : Born 2019.4 ~2020.3 3 spots available
- 5-years-old class : Born 2018.4 ~2019.3 Capacity Full

■ Eligibility for Application

- Available for enrollment from April 2024
- Residing in an area eligible for enrollment from April 2024

◆ Process until Admission Decision

① Orientation Tour

Please join us for a school tour and information session (parents and children are welcome). We will provide a tour of the facility and introduce our curriculum.

② Play Experience

Your child can participate in playtime and experience school life (intended for your child, but parents are encouraged to join - up to a maximum of 3 times)

Your child will have the opportunity to experience the school where they are able to play and get to know the school environment. This experience will last for approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour.

During this time, our staff will observe the play and activities of the child. We prioritize observing the natural development of children, and thus do not conduct educational tests or assessments.

To ensure your child feels secure and comfortable during the activities, we kindly request that parents accompany them. Please note that this experience is separate from the Orientation Tour, so please schedule these two events on a different day.

③ Admission Selection

We will conduct the selection process based on the criteria of school, with a focus on your child's health status and the family's parenting approach. After the selection process, we will contact those who have passed the selection.

The final stage of the admission selection will be a parent interview, which can be conducted either online or in person. The results will be communicated to the selected candidates within two weeks from the date of the selection process.

④ Admission Acceptance

For those who have been accepted for admission, we will send an "Admission Acceptance Letter". We will enclose the necessary documents for the enrollment process, so please fill them out and bring them with you on your next visit to the school.

⑤ Adjustment of Enrollment Schedule

We will inquire about the desired start date and will coordinate with the classroom teachers to determine the schedule. During the transition period, both the child and parents can spend time together in the classroom to ensure a comfortable start to school life.

Parents are welcome to join their child during this period, and it is also possible for the child to have lunch at school. We will work together to establish a stable daily routine that aligns with each family's rhythm, taking into consideration nap time, toilet time, and other individual needs, to prepare for a smooth transition into nursery life.

⑥ Start of Enrollment

Formal nursery life will begin. After enrollment, in addition to daily communication during drop-off and pick-up, we also provide opportunities for frequent parent-teacher conferences about your child, based on your desired frequency (typically monthly to every three months). We are committed to supporting the growth of each child through customized education and providing attentive care.

◆ 2024 Childcare Support Benefit System (1 - 2 year)

■ Childcare Support Benefit System

Our school is an Okayama City early childhood education facility. Children aged 3 and above are eligible for government subsidies. However, children under the age of 3 are not eligible for government subsidies. Therefore, we have implemented a support benefit system specifically for children under 3 years old, allowing 1- and 2-year-old children to receive assistance.

■ Eligibility

- Families with children under 3 years old who will attend our facility for 12 or more days per month starting from April 2023.
- Households with an annual income of less than 12 million yen.
- The maximum monthly amount of the support is 20,000 yen.
- This support will be provided until the child reaches the age of 3 and transitions to the next grade level (renewed on an annual basis).

■ Apply

- After the admission acceptance is released, we will provide additional application documents. Please follow the designated procedure and submit the application accordingly.