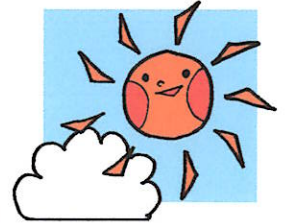


Children of the Sun Social Welfare Corporation BLUEBIRD CERTIFIED CHILDCARE CENTER



★ BLUEBIRD KIDS

At Bluebird Certified Childcare Center, you will find cheerful children full of energy and smiles. Here children build strong bodies and minds through play and a variety of experiences with friends and teachers (as well as through the occasional disagreement).

Through interaction with other

children and teachers, they learn consideration for others and how to express themselves.

“Bluebird Kids” are strong and kind, active and cheerful.

★ OUR OBJECTIVES

We aim to nurture children to:

- *Play actively
- *Be cheerful
- *Develop strong, healthy bodies
- *Be considerate
- *Be able to follow rules and instructions
- *Listen to others
- *Express their own ideas and act on them

Through play and spending time in a group-oriented environment, children develop various interests and have a variety of experiences. We encourage children to express how they feel to others, think things through together, and see things from others’ points of view in order to nurture loving and caring children who develop connections with others.

***We believe it is essential to work together with families in order to realize these goals.**

★ FEATURES OF BLUEBIRD CHILDCARE

HEALTH

(Nurturing energetic, cheerful children with strong, healthy bodies)

- ①Light-weight clothing year-round
- ②Year-round outdoor activities
- ③Physical exercise and activities appropriate for the season

DISCIPLINE

(Encouraging children to follow rules, keep promises and see things from others' points of view)

- ①Greetings and responses
- ②Use of language
- ③Consideration of others
- ④Establishment of good everyday habits

DIET

(Nurturing children to take an interest in food and eating)

- ①Provision of safe and healthy meals
- ②Special meals provided for children with atopic dermatitis and allergies
- ③Participation in planting, growing and cooking of vegetables

By eating with others, children learn both table manners and the joy of eating.

ENGLISH COMMUNICATION/INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & UNDERSTANDING

Originally from the U.S., "Kate-Sensei" has been teaching English at Bluebird Childcare Center for 30 years. Now deputy director, she is able to interact with the children in English on a daily basis. Through greetings, picture books, songs and games, the children are exposed to English at a young age (input) and are naturally inclined to use it (output) in a variety of situations.

Whenever possible we welcome international students and guests in order to give the children the opportunity to be exposed to other cultures and interact in English.

★ HOURS

oFor children eligible for Shortened Hours:

Monday through Saturday 9:00AM to 5:00PM

oFor children eligible for Standard Hours:

Monday through Saturday 7:00AM to 7:00PM



*For children just starting daycare, we recommend scheduling a trial period for them to gradually get used to their new environment. Please discuss the details with your child's teacher.

★ EXTENDED HOURS

- For children eligible for Shortened Hours:

7:00	9:00	5:00	7:00
Extended Hours No Charge	Standard Childcare Hours	Special Extended Hours ¥100	

Before 9:00AM: No charge After 5:00PM: ¥100

- For children eligible for Regular Hours:

7:00	9:00	5:00	6:00	7:00
Extended Hours No Charge	Standard Childcare Hours	Extended Hours No Charge	Special Extended Hours ¥50 (snack provided)	

Before 9:00AM: No charge After 5:00PM: No charge After 6:00PM: ¥50

- Please contact us if you will be picking your child up later than usual.

★ LUNCH & SNACKS

- For children in 3, 4, and 5-year-old classes, lunch fees are ¥5,000 per month.
- Lunch is provided Monday through Saturday.
- Lunch menus are created by a certified nutritionist and made in the center's kitchen.
- 0, 1, and 2-Year-Old Classes: Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack
- 3, 4, and 5-Year-Old Classes: Lunch, Afternoon Snack
- Children in 3, 4, and 5-year-old classes are asked to bring their own rice in a container everyday.

(In case you are unable to prepare rice in time, you may bring uncooked rice instead and we will prepare it.)

- For infants who are ready to start solid foods, we will provide accordingly after a consultation with your child's teacher and our nutritionist.
- We ask children with food allergies to undergo testing by an allergy specialist. We will make special provisions based on the doctor's diagnosis and parents' requests.

★ DROP-OFF AND PICKUP

- Children should be dropped off by 9:30AM.

Parents and guardians are responsible for bringing children to the classroom and handing them off to teachers. Please contact the center by 9:30AM if your child will be absent or late.

- Children are expected to carry their own belongings.
- Children should not bring toys or food from home.
- At pickup, please wait for the teacher to hand off your child and check that they have all their belongings.

★ CHILDREN'S MEDICATION

- In principle, the center does not administer medication to the children.
- If you must bring medication, please read and abide by the "Procedures for Handling Medication at Bluebird Childcare Center" handout.
- Please fill out a "Medication Form" and give it directly to a teacher.

★ CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CENTER AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Please contact the center by 9:30AM if your child will be absent or late.
- Please contact the center or let a teacher know if you will be later than usual for pickup or if someone different will be coming.
- Please inform us of parents' contact numbers and workplace contact numbers. Let us know if there are any changes regarding address, workplace or contact numbers.
- A center newsletter, class newsletter, lunch newsletter and lunch menu are issued every month. Please be sure to read them for important information.
- Please inform the teacher at drop-off if there are any changes in or concerns about your child's condition.
- If there are any changes in a child's physical condition we will contact a parent and may ask that they be picked up.
- When necessary we will post notices and information on the CoDMON app, distribute handouts or post notices in front of the main entrance or classrooms.



★ CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES

- 0, 1 and 2-Year-Old Classes: Please dress in clothing that is easy to put on and take off.
- 3, 4 and 5-Year-Old Classes: Children should come to the center in their Bluebird uniforms over their Bluebird t-shirts and shorts. Children will take off their uniforms after arrival. Bring at least one extra set of t-shirts and shorts to change into later.

- 1 to 5-Year-Olds should wear sneakers.
- Write your child's name clearly on all of their belongings. Please refer to the "What to Bring" chart by class.

★CLASSES

- Infant ClassHiyoko (Chicks)
- 2-Year-Old Class....Hibari (Skylarks)
- 4-Year-Old Class....Oumu (Parrots)
- 1-Year-Old Class....Ahiru (Ducks)
- 3-Year-Old Class....Kanariya (Canaries)
- 5-Year-Old Class....Tsubame (Swallows)

Daily Schedule

Infants & Toddlers

0, 1 & 2-Year-Old Classes

- 7:00 Center Opens
- Morning Drop-Off Begins
- Free Time
- 9:30 Carpet Time
- Morning Snack
- Indoor & Outdoor Play & Activities
- 11:00 Lunch
- 12:00 Nap Time
- 3:00 Afternoon Snack
- Free Play
- 4:00 Afternoon Pick-Up Begins
- 6:00 Extended Childcare Begins (+¥50)
- 7:00 Center Closes









3, 4 & 5 Year-Old Classes

- 7:00 Center Opens
- Morning Drop-Off Begins
- Free Time
- 9:30 Carpet Time
- Indoor & Outdoor Exercise & Play
- Planned Activities
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 (3 year-olds: Nap)
- 1:30 Planned Activities / Indoor & Outdoor Play
- 3:00 Afternoon Snack
- Preparations for Going Home
- Carpet Time
- 4:00 Afternoon Pick-up Begins
- 6:00 Extended Childcare Begins (+¥50)
- 7:00 Center Closes



Yearly Event Schedule

<p>April</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Entrance Ceremony *Bus Trip w/ Grandparents (5 yo) *Spring Excursion (3+ yo) 	<p>May</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parent-Child Bus Trip *Physical/Dental Checkup 	<p>June</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parent Observation Day *Swimming Class Observation
<p>July</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Star Festival Craft-Making w/ Grandparents (3+ yo) *Sleepover at Center (5 yo) 	<p>August</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Summer Festival *Camp (5 yo) 	<p>September</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parent Observation Day
<p>October</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Parent-Child Recreation Day *Sweet Potato Harvest *Halloween 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Physical/Dental Checkup 	<p>December</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stage Performance *Ricecake-Making *Christmas Party
<p>January</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *New Year Bonfire (w/ Grandparents, Elementary School Students) 	<p>February</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Bean Throwing Ritual *Parent Observation Day 	<p>March</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Doll Festival Event *Farewell Excursion *"Marathon" Race (4, 5 yo) *Graduation Ceremony

★ TEMPORARY CHILDCARE SERVICE

For children who are not enrolled in a childcare facility, we offer a temporary childcare service for families who are unable to look after their child due to personal or business obligations or other reasons.

Application: Please contact the center directly.

Hours: Between 8:30AM and 5:30PM (For a maximum of 13 days per month)

Fees: 1 Day: ¥1,500 (includes lunch fee)

1/2 Day: ¥750 (lunch provided upon request for an additional ¥200)

(The above fees are for residents of Taku City. For those who reside outside of Taku, fees are ¥2,000/day (lunch fee included) and ¥1,000/half day (an additional ¥200 for lunch.))

WHAT TO BRING

Class	Age	To Leave at the Center	To Bring Everyday
Hiyoko (Chicks)	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Futon (Mat) ● Summer: Towel-Blanket Winter: Blanket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact Notebook ● Change of Clothes (2 sets of tops and bottoms) ● 2 Undershirts ● 2 Diapers ● 1 Plastic Bag (for dirty clothes)
Ahiru (Ducks)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer: Towel-Blanket Winter: Blanket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance Notebook ● 1 Face Towel (summer only) ● Change of Clothes (2 sets of tops and bottoms) ● 2 Undershirts & 2 Underpants ● 2 Pull-ups ● 1 Plastic Bag (for dirty clothes)
Hibari (Skylarks)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer: Towel-Blanket Winter: Blanket 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendance Notebook ● 1 Face Towel (summer only) ● 1 Hand Towel (with loop for hanging) ● Change of Clothes (2 sets of tops and bottoms) ● 2 Undershirts & 2 Underpants ● 2 Pull-ups ● 1 Plastic Bag (for dirty clothes)
Kanariya (Canaries)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Summer: Towel-Blanket Winter: Blanket (Kanariya only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rice (in a container wrapped in a handkerchief) ● Chopsticks
Oumu (Parrots)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 Face Towel ● 1 Plastic Cup (with handle) ● 1 Toothbrush 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Canteen/Water Bottle ● Attendance Notebook ● 2 Hand Towels (with loop for hanging)
Tsubame (Swallows)	5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Change of Clothes (Bluebird t-shirt and shorts, undershirt, underpants) ● 1 Plastic Bag (for dirty clothes) ● 1 Towel (summer only)