



YMCA English HIROBA “Big Hug”











Utsunomiya Higashi YMCA is starting the new program “Big Hug”. This program is like an ‘Oyako Hiroba’, which is a space for toddlers and their families where children can enjoy singing and playing in ENGLISH. The concept of this program is **“the more we get together, the happier we’ll be!”** It’s open for anyone! We welcome shy kids, active kids, and also parents who are very new to this area and looking to make friends!



- <Age> Children of 1 to 3 years old, and their parents
- <Place> Utsunomiya Higashi YMCA (address: 4-21-14, Mine, Utsunomiya-shi)
- <Time> Program 10 : 30-11 : 20 a.m.
(After the program, the classroom is open until 12 : 30 for resting or having lunch.)
- <How to join> Choose any dates from the class schedule below, and call to the YMCA for reservation.
- <Class fee> Please pay by cash on the day of your participation.
 - ★Regular Day . . . 500 yen (tax included) / 1 day 
 - ★Christmas Party . . . 600 yen (tax included) / 1 day
 - ★Special Day (Chie’s English Class) . . . 1000 yen (tax included)/ 1 day 
 - *Additionally, registration fee(200yen) will be charged at the first class.
- <Reservation> Please make sure to reserve in advance!
Reservations can be done by phone or visiting the YMCA office
→ **TEL:028-661-7451 (Available from Tuesday to Friday, from 2 to 7 p.m.)**
 - *For Tuesday and Wednesday classes, please reserve by Friday of the previous week.
 - *For Friday classes, please reserve by Tuesday of the same week.
 - *The minimum number of participants needed is 2 for each day.

Schedule in December



Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<u>12/3(Tue)</u>  Regular Day	<u>12/4(Wed)</u> Special Day  Chie’s English Class!	<u>12/5(Thu)</u>  No Class	<u>12/6(Fri)</u>  Regular Day
<u>12/10(Tue)</u> Regular Day Christmas Party !	<u>12/11(Wed)</u> Special Day  Chie’s Christmas Party!	<u>12/12(Thu)</u>  No Class	<u>12/13(Fri)</u> Regular Day Christmas Party!
<u>12/17(Tue)</u>  Regular Day	<u>12/18(Wed)</u>  No Class	<u>12/19(Thu)</u>  No Class	<u>12/20(Fri)</u>  Regular Day

Basic Schedule

- 10:30- Welcome and Greeting
Songs and Story
- 11:00- Special Activity (Craft/Game/Birthday Party)
* Birthday Party for friends who have birthdays this month ♪
(Children whose birthdays are not in this month, CAN join, too!)
- 11:20 Good-bye

- ☆The classroom is open until 12:30 p.m. for resting and having lunch.
A room for nursing and diaper changing is also prepared.
- ☆Parking lot is available.
- ☆Younger sisters and brothers are welcome, too!
(If they are younger than 1 year old, no charge required.)
- ☆If your child has any allergies, please let the YMCA staff know.
- ☆YMCA staff are raising their own young children (toddlers), too.

If the staff cannot come because of their sickness, classes may be cancelled. We will notify the participants by email, by 9 a.m. on the day of the class.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

☆From December 10th to 13th, we will have a special week to have “Christmas Party -Caroling and Candle Light!”. Please come and join our party with your friends and your family!

♪Special English Lesson Every Wednesday♪

☆Chie’s English Class☆

I am an English instructor at YMCA with an experience of teaching English literature to returnees at International Christian University High School for 18 years. I left them this spring and began working at YMCA. During class we will enjoy reading children’s books, singing songs, dancing, working on simple crafts, and other fun-filled activities. In preparing and conducting the classes, I hope to make use of my experience of being brought up in a foreign country along with my own experience as a mother of a three year old to cater to the needs of children and parents with various backgrounds.



STAFF



Hello! I’m Ayumi. This is the 4th year for me to live in Utsunomiya. I used to work at Tokyo YMCA English school, YMCA International kindergarten and Elementary school as office staff. I have a 2-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son, and I struggle, but have fun with them everyday!!