

## About the Use of Azuma-Nishi Children's Center (*Jidokan*)

- What are Children's Centers (*Jidokan*)?

The aim of Children's Centers is to support healthy development of children both physically and mentally by providing spaces for them to play and interact with each other.

Children's Centers also provide spaces for after-school childcare, as well as for local groups such as mother's clubs to encourage local activities.

- **For Children Coming to Azuma-Nishi Children's Center**

In principle, children must go home after school once before they come to the Children's Center.

1. Opening hours

Weekdays: From 8:30am (8am during school holidays) to 6pm

Saturdays: From 8:30am to 12pm (Open on the second Saturday of every month)

Closed: Saturdays except the second Saturday, Sundays, national holidays and year-end through New Year holidays (from December 29 to January 3).

Note 1: We send the children home at 5pm (4:30pm in winter), if their parents are not coming to pick them up.

Note 2: Pre-school children must be accompanied by their parents/guardians.

2. Please submit "Children's Center Registration Form" so that we can contact you in case of emergency.

- **After-School Childcare Club**

After-School Childcare Clubs are for children whose parents or guardians are not at home during the day due to work, etc.

1. Opening hours

Weekdays: From after-school hours (8am during school holidays) to 7pm

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays and year-end through New Year holidays (from December 29 to January 3).

2. The application for After-School Childcare Club starting in April, 2021 ended on Friday, January 15. Please inquire at the Children's Center for availability, etc.

- Events and Activities at the Children's Center

The Children's Center holds various activities and events. Please refer to our monthly "*Jidokan Dayori* (Newsletter from the Children's Center)" for the details of events, etc. You can pick a copy at the counter of the Children's Center or you can see the content on the website of the Children's Center or Azuma Elementary School. Please note that some events which are open to the public may have an application deadline, capacity and/or event fees. You need to come to the Children's Center in person and apply to participate (you cannot book by phone). There may be cases where your child cannot participate, if the number of applicants exceeds the event's capacity.

## Example of Events

### Event that are Organized by the Children's Center

Seasonal events, a spinning top performance test, unicycle performance test, Kendama performance test, challenge events, etc.

Sports Club (Children from the second to fourth grade can participate. The club will hold dodgeball competitions.)

### Events that are Organized by Volunteers

"The Team Experiment: Find fun! and magic?", handicraft club (for children of the third grade or above) and Go club

### Fun Sports Event

Joint project with municipal Children's Centers

### ● Dos and Don'ts at the Children's Center (For children)

- Tell your parents when you are coming to play at the Children's Center.
- When you come to the Children's Center, say hi to everyone.
- Write your name on the guest book when you come and when you leave, write down the time.
- Make sure you wash your hands when you come to the Children's Center.
- Do not drink or eat inside the Children's Center.
- Do not bring something important such as money, computer games, card collection and comic books.
- Put toys and other things away after you play with them.
- **You are not allowed to use the phone at the Children's Center except in the event of an emergency.**
- Pre-school children must be accompanied by their parents/guardians.

**The Children's Center is a space for everyone to play.**

**Please keep the above rules so that everyone can play and have fun.**

## To Parents and Guardians

- In principle, children must go home first before coming to the Children's Center. If your child is coming to the Children's Center directly from his/her school due to family matters, please notify his/her school before coming to the Children's Center. (You do not have to notify if your child is enrolled in after-school childcare.)
- When your child is coming to play at the Children's Center, please talk with him/her what time you are picking him/her up or what time he/she is leaving if going home on his/her own. Your child has to write his/her name at the Children's Center, so please tell him/her to do so. (This is for safety management in case of disasters, etc.)

Inquire at Azuma-Nishi Children's Center

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