

Nihonmachi Little Friends After School Program



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NIHONMACHI LITTLE FRIENDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Nihonmachi Little Friends (NLF) After School Program (ASP) is a Japanese bilingual, multicultural school-age childcare program serving kindergarten through fifth graders. It is open from 7:30 to 9:00am and from 1:00 to 6:00pm, Monday through Friday, during the regular school year. Fees are in an hourly rate based upon family size and income with a set minimum charge per month.

Criteria for enrollment are:

1. Parent attendance at general meetings,
2. Parent participation in at least six activities and fundraising events (for families who choose to participate in exchange for a lower fee rate)
3. Child must be in grades K-5th.



Transportation

A limited number of public schools have designated NLF's After School Program location (Sutter at Laguna) as a public school bus stop where the children are dropped off in the afternoon.

The Curriculum

The day is structured with activities that encourage self-confidence and cooperation. Japanese bilingual-bicultural activities are presented through music, stories, arts and crafts, and celebration of traditional events. The program fosters the child's self-esteem, growth in all areas of development and emphasizes non-racist and non-sexiest ideas. Field trips are taken to parks, museums, libraries and other places in the community.

We offer:

Arts & Crafts
Multicultural Activities
Exercise/Dance/Movement
Martial Arts instruction
Homework Assistance

Cooking
Science/Math
Language Arts
Computers



Our History

In Oct. 1975, Nihonmachi Little Friends (NLF) opened its first Japanese bilingual childcare program for preschoolers. As these students graduated and went on to elementary school, the need for a quality after school program similar in philosophy to the preschool-age program became apparent. Thus, a committee of parents and staff was set up in 1978 to explore this program. The After School Program, in operation since Jan. 1979, is a part of the private, non-profit organization of Nihonmachi Little Friends.



Parent Participation

The development of NLF's After School Program was the direct result of a group of parents who were in need of this type of program and who worked together with the Board and staff to make it a reality. We feel that it is important for parents to continue to be fully involved in the education of their children and the development of the program. Parents play a crucial role in their children's lives and through working together with other parents and the program, parents can learn more about each other, share concerns and ideas, and gain a support network.