

Yochien English

Yochien is a great time for children to start learning language. Young children can learn much quicker than and more easily than most older people can. They learn mostly by being exposed to and being spoken to in a language. This presents some interesting opportunities and challenges in teaching.

Yochien English has special challenges. The students learn very quickly but, their attention span is short because they are children.

In order to have a successful “class” it has to be as fun as possible. You have to balance the sit down time with the active time. (It can be difficult to hold the attention of 20 4~5 year olds.)

So, if you were to walk into my class, you can see:

- English songs and dancing
- Reading picture books
- Playing English games
- Learning with flash cards



In the last semester we've gone over weather, colors, numbers, etc.

Once the kids have gotten the hang of the games, I like to let the students take turns being the game leader. It's a good opportunity to practice English communication and build confidence.

The other part of Yochien English is our participation in the everyday activities of the Yochien. The best way to learn a language is immersion. It may only be a few hours but, for that time the children have someone who will communicate with them in natural (easy) English. It doesn't look impressive but it's an important part of their English education.

