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## OUR STORY

# ECC's First International Preschool,

Built on a legacy of nurturing true global citizens since 1962

ECC International Preschool is an all-English international preschool created by ECC, a comprehensive education and lifelong learning organization that has supported over 9.5 million learners. With decades of experience in language and early childhood education, we provide world-class learning experiences that help children thrive as global citizens.

## MESSAGE

Throughout our history, ECC has been dedicated to supporting children's education in diverse ways. As a new educational initiative, we are proud to establish our first international preschool. Guided by our founding philosophy, we nurture children who can live true to themselves and thrive with confidence and freedom, contributing to a more peaceful and culturally enriched world.

**Kuniko Tsukada** Executive Managing Director, ECC Co., Ltd.



## MISSION

ECC is rooted in this founding philosophy, established in 1962.

It is our goal, through the teaching of foreign languages, to contribute to the development of our students' capabilities, international awareness and leadership qualities. In this way, we hope to promote more interaction and understanding among the peoples of the world, thus helping to contribute to world peace.

Since its founding, ECC has remained true to this philosophy, exploring diverse approaches to education built on a foundation of English language learning and sharing them with society.

**Guided by our philosophy. Driven by our pursuit of education.**  
**Every step we've taken, for their very first step as global citizens.**

## PHILOSOPHY

# Learn to Play Play to Learn

Take the first step toward  
becoming a global citizen.

For children, play is the foundation of learning. Through meaningful play experiences, they explore, discover, and develop the confidence to think and act independently. We value the time children spend following their own interests and curiosity.

In an ever-changing world, children grow by trying, making mistakes, and learning through experience. Each step they take with confidence takes them along the path to becoming a global citizen.

### — The 4 Core Qualities We Nurture at ECC International Preschool —



#### Confidence to Take on Challenges

Children build confidence by embracing challenges, learning from mistakes, and believing in their own potential.



#### Empathy and Connection with Others

Children develop empathy by respecting differences, building relationships, and learning to cooperate and express themselves.



#### Creative Problem-Solving

Children develop creativity by finding their own solutions, exploring ideas, and taking initiative through meaningful experiences.



#### Curiosity and Love of Learning

Children develop curiosity by exploring the world around them, discovering different cultures, and building a foundation for lifelong learning.

## POLICY

# Nurturing the Unseen Roots That Help Children Reach the World

The most important foundation for children as they grow toward the future is the development of deep and resilient roots. We are committed to creating a nurturing environment where each child's unique potential can take root and blossom.

#### Nurturing Creativity and Imagination

We value each child's unique ideas and perspectives, creating an environment where creativity can flourish.

#### Valuing the Learning Process

Instead of providing answers, we support children as they think, explore, and learn through trial and error, building confidence through their own discoveries.

#### Fostering Respect for Diversity

Through international experiences, children learn to embrace diversity, respect differences, and value themselves and others.



# OUR APPROACH

## Enriching Exploration through IEYC + ECC

Every day includes dedicated time for exploration and inquiry. These activities combine the internationally recognized IEYC (International Early Years Curriculum), adopted in more than 60 countries, with ECC's expertise in early childhood English education. Through hands-on experiences with nature, real-world materials, and all five senses, children develop curiosity, creativity, and sensitivity. They explore cultures from around the world, learn to appreciate differences, and embrace diversity. By trying, thinking of their own solutions, and learning through trial and error, children build confidence and experience the joy of saying, "I did it by myself!" Working together with friends and teachers, they learn to value themselves and respect others.





Our learning is always centered around play. Children explore a variety of engaging topics that inspire curiosity and allow them to become deeply immersed in their experiences.

Example Topics

- This Is Me!
- Weather Wonders
- Plants as Partners
- Healthy Habits

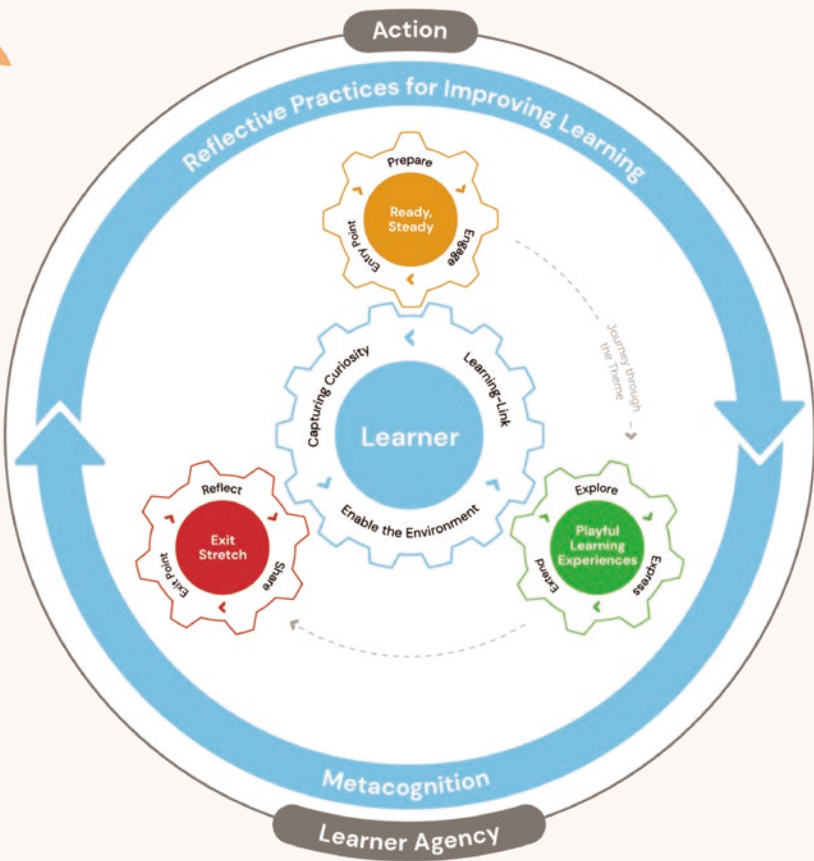


### The 8 Personal Learning Goals

The Personal Learning Goals are all things we can be:

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|--------------|--------------|
| Adaptable    | Collaborator |
| Communicator | Empathetic   |
| Ethical      | Resilient    |
| Respectful   | Thinker      |

The IEYC places a strong emphasis on the Personal Learning Goals, supporting children in developing a wide range of skills, dispositions, and qualities.



Source: International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) / International Curriculum Association (ICA)

### IEYC Process to Facilitate Learning

IEYC values the process of learning, not just the results. Through opportunities to think, express themselves, collaborate, and reflect, children develop the inner strength that supports their growth.

## Balancing English Language Skills with Japanese Language and Culture

We use Jolly Phonics to help children enjoy learning the connection between letters and sounds through actions and songs. In our all-English environment, children develop listening and speaking skills, while phonics helps them naturally build reading and writing skills. Every day, our Japanese time provides children with opportunities to explore Japan's language, culture, seasonal events, and daily customs. Children learn about Japan while developing the ability to express their thoughts and feelings in Japanese. Because children spend each day immersed in English, we value the opportunity to also help them connect with Japanese language and culture. By nurturing both language and cultural foundations, we help children grow into true global citizens.



## TEAM TEACHING

### Team Teaching by Bilingual Licensed Early Childhood Educators and Native English Teachers

Combining the strengths of bilingual licensed early childhood educators and native English teachers, we provide both English learning and Japanese-style early childhood care. In partnership with families, we support each child's growth and development.



#### Rigorous Selection Standards

##### Only 4.65% of Applicants Selected

Through our global recruitment process, we welcome teachers who have met our rigorous standards from around the world.

#### Continuous Teacher Development

##### 60-80 Hours of Pre-Employment Training

Our training equips teachers with the skills to support young English learners and provide safe, nurturing care based on Japanese early childhood education standards.

# Unlocking Potential Through Rich Multi-Sensory Experiences



## Phonics

Children build early reading and writing skills through a variety of fun and engaging activities, including interactive whiteboard activities.



## Outdoor Play

Children enjoy active outdoor play and visits to parks, developing their physical skills while having fun. After plenty of movement, they enjoy a delicious lunch together.

## Japanese

Children explore the Japanese language and culture, developing skills in reading and writing while connecting with Japanese traditions.

## Lunch Time

Children enjoy nutritious and delicious meals prepared with care. We provide individual support to accommodate food allergies.

## Nap Time

Children enjoy a peaceful story time before resting and recharging during nap time.

## Snack Time

## Inquiry-Based Activities

Children explore engaging topics through play, where curiosity grows and questions like "Why?" and "Let's try!" come to life.



# DAILY LIFE

## Daily Routine

## Circle Time

## Arrival

## Early Morning Care

## Evening Care

## Dismissal / Extended Care



## SAFETY

Children's safety is our highest priority. We maintain a secure environment through thorough health, hygiene, emergency, and security measures. From allergy management and regular emergency drills to infection prevention, we are prepared to respond quickly and cooperate with families and medical professionals when needed.

## EVENT

Throughout the year, children explore cultures from around the world, connect with the local community, and enjoy special events with their families. These experiences allow families to share in their children's growth.

- Book Fair
- Respect for the Aged Day
- School Bazaar
- Winter Performance
- School Art Gallery
- Face Painting ... and more



## School Information

- Open / Monday–Friday
- Closed / Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, Golden Week, summer holidays, and New Year holidays
- School Hours / 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Regular Care Hours / 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Extended Care / 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Early Morning Care / 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
- Evening Care / 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Class Capacity
  - Age 2 : 15 children per class
  - Age 3 : 15 children per class
  - Age 4 : Starting from the 2028 school year
  - Age 5 : Starting from the 2029 school year

