

## **AKAGI- IKUSHIN PRESCHOOL OUR CONCEPT**

### **A genius at play is a genius at learning**

**The foundation for learning and living life after elementary school is nurtured through high-quality play.**

Currently, in the world of education and childcare, attention is focused on “non-cognitive abilities” that cannot be evaluated numerically, such as the ability to work hard and communication skills, rather than cognitive abilities as indicated by test scores and deviation values. These abilities are cultivated as children engage deeply in play, thinking creatively, planning steps, and consulting with friends in their daily lives. Akagi Ikushin Preschool respects each child's interests and passions, and values an environment where children can fully engage in play.

### **Love yourself**

**When you have confidence in yourself, you can live positively and care for others.**

The experience of feeling that someone loves and protects you nurtures a sense of self-affirmation that “I am a valuable person just as I am!” This leads to a positive attitude toward life, where you actively take on new challenges and, even if you fail, believe that “if I try harder next time, I will surely succeed.” Those who are filled with abundant love can also pour that love into others. Those who have been cherished and have learned to cherish themselves can also cherish others.

### **Everyone is a friend, everyone is a rival**

**A world where we support each other and grow together. This is important for adults as well.**

People are independent individuals, but at the same time, they form groups and coexist as a community. In that sense, adults and children are all friends and rivals. Adults should also be able to grow constantly by learning together with children. Many parents who are new to Akagi Ikushin Preschool may feel unsure about parenting, but please feel free to share your feelings openly.

### **Full of “Why?”**

**“Why?” “How come?”... Curiosity and the desire to know lead to independent learning.**

You might be startled by the vividness of a bright red sunset, or feel touched by a single drop of water sliding down a leaf after the rain, or empathize with something, or feel pity... When people's emotions (senses) are stirred, they become interested in the subject and want to know more. The knowledge they gain in this way is firmly embedded in their minds. Akagi Ikushin Preschool guarantees an environment where children's many “why?” questions can be answered.