

As a Tampopo member...

- ☺ You are expected to set up the room when you come in and clean up as you leave
(Wipe the tables with wet wipes / dry mop the purple mats / set up props for the activities / set up coffee & tea...etc.)
- ☺ **Before class starts, please do the following:**
 - 1) Attendance sheet---write down the names of you and your child/children.
 - 2) Stamp your "Tuition envelope" in the proper date box with a proper stamp
 - 3) Pay the class fee if you haven't paid, yet. (Cash / Check / Credit card, all accepted)
 - *Cash--Exact amount in the Tuition envelope goes into the basket, "**No Change Needed**"
 - *Cash--Need change? Put money in the envelope and place it in the basket, "**Change Needed**"
 - *Personal check--**Payee: JASC / Memo: Tampopo**, place it in "**No Change Needed**"
 - *Credit card— Fill out the card information slip then put it in the envelope▶ "**No change Needed**"
 - 4) Check out books and Return books (place them in a basket).
Please clear the check-out card by filling out the necessary information accordingly.
- ☺ **Snack Break** will be held immediately after activity session (song, games, and exercise).
Please feel free to bring your child's favorite food/snack.
"Self-service" Coffee and Tea area is set up for the caregivers only--no children allowed.
Please do not leave hot drinks unattended.
- ☺ Please be flexible and prioritize your child's needs. If staying on the mats and following through the activities becomes difficult, please leave the mats. Go to the area for toys or read books quietly.
Please be courteous; do not interrupt the on-going program. (No riding toys and playing with toys that would make a loud noise please.) For hard to deal with situations, "Time Out" can be exercised.

☺ **We need your help with every Tampopo fundraising. Please read your Volunteer sheet carefully. Please make an effort to attend and help at least ONE fundraising!**

☺ The class fee doesn't cover everything we use in the classroom. If you can help out by donating any of the followings, it would definitely help the program and would be greatly appreciated.

Wish List

- Disinfecting wipes (antibacterial, disinfectant...)
- Wet wipes
- Kleenex tissue
- Child-safe cleaning spray for cleaning toys
- Deodorant spray to eliminate diaper pail odors
- Zip-lock bags (fold-top, snack, quart, gallon, or even larger 2 gallon size)
- Ultra heavy duty or Heavy duty clear packing tape (book repair)
- Coffee, Coffee cream, Sugar packs, or any type of tea bags
- Paper Napkins & Paper towels

Finally.....

- ☺ Do you have any Japanese things sitting in your drawer or closet for ages?
Would you like to donate them to Tampopo?
We can sell it at Bazaar; its profit will benefit us. Please help Tampopo in any way you can.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Tampopo-kai, Naomi Negi

September, 2018

Tampopo Before / After Class Routine

As a Tampopo member, you are expected to set up the room when you come in and clean up as you leave.

Before Class:

- 1 **Attendance sheet**---Sign in by writing down the names of you and your child/children
- 2 **Tuition envelope**
Find your envelope in the pink basket
Using a proper stamp, stamp on the attending date
Move your envelope from Pink to Gray basket
- 3 **Tampopo Books** (On your check-out card)
Returning books—Write down the date you are returning then place books in the basket
Checking out books—Write down the date you are checking out
- 4 Wipe off the table surface including the Coffee & Tea table
- 5 Set up Coffee & Tea
- 6 Place a box of crayons and a few scratch papers on each table
- 7 Mop the purple mats surface
- 8 Bring out the boxes of props for the activities to the front

After Class:

- 1 Wipe off the table
- 2 Sweep under/around the tables (No food crumbs left in Tampopo area please)
- 3 Kurukuru-time--Roll up the purple mats and store away by the wall
- 4 Clear the Coffee & Tea table (Use JASC's kitchen to discard any left over drink then wash)
- 5 Clean up the Play Area by placing all toys back in the place



Tampopo-Kai

Japanese Cultural Program for Pre-schoolers

Thank you for your interest in Tampopo-kai, a Japanese Cultural Program for Pre-schoolers. The program was originally founded by a couple of Sansei (Japanese-American 3rd generation) moms back in 1983. They shared a common interest in providing a certain environment in which their children could nurture their cultural heritage. They also wanted their children understand and appreciate their cultural identities. We hope you and your family enjoy the program and we look forward to your active participation and support.

Tampopo-Kai meets @ JASC (Japanese American Service Committee)

4427 N. Clark St. Chicago IL. 60640 / (773) 275-0097

Monday: (Children under 5 years of age)
9:30am- 12:00pm (Play time: 9:30am- 10am)

Wednesday: (Children at least 3 yrs of age and show an interest in learning Reading and writing)
12:30pm- 3:00pm (Play time: 12:30pm- 1pm)

Although the group is very diverse, we all share a common interest in exposing our children to the richness and wonder of the Japanese language and culture. Through Japanese songs, stories, arts and crafts, and various other activities, the children and parents are exposed to native spoken Japanese along with the spirit of Japanese festivals and folklore. The program is intended to be not only educational for both children and adults, but also to be fun for anyone and everyone who participates.

The program is organized around three main ideas

- 1) Continue to develop a program that is responsive to the developmental needs of infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers.**
- 2) Encourage activities that are fun and encourage an appreciation of the Japanese language and cultural heritage.**
- 3) Create an environment that nurtures the beginning of a positive ethnic identity and sense of continuity and history.**

•Tampopo Club is organized in large measure as a parent-run cooperative. We encourage your ideas and suggestions and need your participation for various committees and projects that we undertake on behalf of our children, the Tampopo program and the community that we are a part of.

•As a Tampopo Club parent, we encourage you to share your skills and talents with us. Our goal is to have each family participate in whatever way they feel is most appropriate. In addition, Tampopo Club takes part in various community festivals, activities, and family workshops, which we hope you will not only participate in but also lend a hand in planning and executing.

Important Fundraising Events & Community Activities

*Japan Festival (June) *Ginza Holiday at Midwest Buddhist Temple (August) *JASC's Holiday-Delight (Nov.)

*Christmas around the World at the Museum of Science and Industry

Japan Tree---Trimming (November) & Take Down (January)

Visit to the JASC's Adult Day Service

👧 Girls' Day (March) 👦 Boys' Day (May) 👴👵 Respect for the Aged Day (Sep.) 🎃 Halloween (Oct)

Any Questions? E-mail Naomi at tampopo@jasc-chicago.org

Tampopo-Kai is the proud recipient of the Japanese Language Education Grants from the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Chicago (JCCC).

September, 2018

Tampopo Program Contents

Japanese Calendar events covered in the class

January 1-3	Shogatsu	New Year's Ceremony
February 3	Setsubun	Bean-throwing Ceremony
March 3	Hinamatsuri	Girl's Day
May 5	Kodomo-no-Hi	Children's Day
July 7	Tanabata	Star Festival
July 13-15(Aug 13-16 in some areas)	Obon	Bon-Festival
3 rd Monday of September	Keirou-no-Hi	Respect for the Elderly Day
Sometime during Sept-October (August 15 in Lunar Calendar)	Tsukimi	Moon Festival
November 15	Shichi-Go-San	7-5-3 years old Ceremony

American calendar events covered in the class

February 14	Valentine's Day
First Sunday after the full moon(Between 3/22-4/25)	*Easter
2 nd Sunday of May	Mother's Day
3 rd Sunday of June	*Father's Day
July 4	*4 th of July/Independence Day
October 31	Halloween
4 th Thursday of November	*Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas

*Celebrated in the past but may not be introduced every year

Basic Japanese language/culture introduced & recognized through activities, games, and craft making

- Family members • Greetings • Numbers • Colors • Shapes (Circle/Triangle/Square)
- Sizes (Big & Small) • Seasons • Weathers • Body parts
- Traditional toys & games • Traditional Folk Art • Japanese Children's songs
- Kamishibai-Japanese Story boards • Origami and more.

Through traditional children's games and play, music, arts and crafts, or power point resources projected on the big screen, children learn about Japan using all their senses.

In addition to the above contents, Wednesday Big Kids class will also include the following:

- Radio Exercise / Fun Exercise for children
- Introduction of Hiragana (Japanese alphabet)
- Weekly story time (Japanese Folk Tails)
- Traditional Japanese Children's play/games
- Short skit played by children based on Japanese folk tales



Fundraising

Fundraisings:

Name of the event	Place	When	How long?	Hours
Japan Festival	Forest View Educational Center 2121 S.Goebbert Road Arlington Hts, IL 60005	June	Two days	Sat. 10am-5pm Sun. 11am-5pm
Ginza Holiday	Midwest Buddhist Temple 435 W. Menomonee Chicago, IL 60614	2nd weekend in August	Three days	Fri. 5:30am-9pm Sat 11:30am-8:30pm Sun.11:30am-4:30pm
Christmas Around the World	Museum of Science and Industry 57 TH St. & Lake Shore Dr. Chicago, IL 60637	October or November (Saturday)	One day	Two hours (Trimming)
Christmas Around the World	Museum of Science and Industry	January (Saturday)	One day	Two hours (Take-down)
Holiday Delight <i>Tampopo tables</i> <i>Craft Corner</i>	JASC 4427 N. Clark St. Chicago, IL 60640	2 nd Saturday of November	One day	10am-4pm

-At **Japan Day**, **Ginza Holiday**, and **Holiday Delight**, Tampopo stuffs several tables and sells handmade crafts, Japanese souvenirs, and Tampopo's original T-shirts. T-shirts are designed and silk screened by Jeanne Shimomura, a very supportive Tampopo alumna for almost 30 years.

-Tampopo also handles **Craft Corner** at JASC's **Holiday Delight**, a special set up to entertain people of all ages. Tampopo members are expected to assist craft assembly at each table.

-In addition, Tampopo trims the Japanese Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry during a holiday season. A special event called **the Christmas around the World** is held at the MSI every year. Tampopo decorates 10 foot tall Christmas tree and takes ornaments down after holiday ends. The origami ornaments are all made by Tampopo members. This has become our tradition since 1989.

-During Tampopo session, members are asked to participate in craft-making for the fundraising or folding origami ornament for the Christmas tree at MSI. This is usually done immediately after class. Members are also asked to volunteer to staff festivals.

In order to maintain quality of the program, it is important that Tampopo continue to participate in the fundraisings. Please plan to attend at least one craft making session and work at the festivals. Your assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

As of September, 2018



Tampopo Bunko Library



New Rules:

Unattended small children are not allowed in the Library area. No books will be brought out of the library section unless you are reading to your children or checking out the books.



Respect and be responsible

All books will be handled with great care.



Check out / Return system

*Please write down the followings on your Check-Out Card.

(Books title / Authors name or Publisher name / Check out date or Return date)

*5 books can be checked out at a time and be kept up to 2 weeks.

*Books must be returned in order to check out new books.

*Move the card to "Still Reading" box when checked out.

*Move the card to "All Returned" box when returned.

(Check-out card stays in "Still Reading" box if you didn't return ALL of them).

*Place books in the Return Basket.



Over-Due-Return policy

While one person can keep books up to **2 weeks**, if he/she can not return them by due date, there are several ways to return them.

#1) Ask someone to drop books off at Tampopo

#2) Bring books on any day of the week and leave them at the front desk with a memo:
"Tampopo books" or "Tampopo/Naomi"

#3) Mail them back to Tampopo.

To: JASC

Attn: Naomi / Tampopo

4427 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60640

Currently there are well over 6000 books altogether at Tampopo Bunko Library.

There are many OLD but GOOD books.

Please handle books with great care and let them stay here just a little bit longer. Please repair books if needed. I trust your judgment. Thank you!

Naomi Negi

Effective September, 2018



Inclement Weather Policy

Tampopo program will be closed for the extreme weather forecast.
Class Cancellation due to extreme weather will be notified via email by midnight the night
before the class.

If the weather is bad, please pay attention to your e-mail notification.



天候状況によるクラス閉鎖

極端な寒さ、度を越えた雪の量など冬場の厳しい天候状態により、まれに たんぽぽ会が閉鎖することがあります。プログラムの当日続行いかんは、天気予報を見て事前に判断しますが、クラス閉鎖を決断した時点（前日、または当日早朝）で マスメールを皆さんにお送りします。天候が怪しい場合は Eメール確認をお願いいたします。