

Origami Swami Class: Become A Swami Of Origami!

Winter/Spring Session II: January 23rd-June 2nd

Kindergarten: Mondays 3:55-4:35 (\$125)

1st Grade: Mondays 2:45-3:45 (\$250)

2nd and Up: Fridays 2:55-3:55, 4:10-5:10 (\$235)



Who:

My name is Ashley Nishihara, and I have been at Le Jardin for seven years working in the after school Extended Day program. During that time I have worked primarily with kindergarteners, teaching them origami during certain activity days. I myself have been doing origami since I was around six or seven years old, and taught myself the art form through many books and many, *many* bouts of failure (and subsequent triumph!).

What:

Students will learn an assortment of models, ranging from animals to airplanes to action models (interactive origami!). At the end of each class, students may use the models they've created in a fun game or activity. They will also learn to have a basic understanding of origami diagrams and be able to interpret commonly used symbols, folds, and bases.

Why:

Origami has many benefits for everybody of all skill levels, young or old, male or female. Friedrich Froebel, the founder of kindergarten, was the first person to introduce origami into formal education, recognizing its important role in helping kids learn and experiment by using their imagination. It is an ever-growing art form that

- teaches students to follow step-by-step directions,
- builds patience and perseverance (versus instant gratification),
- encourages an “ohana” way of thinking (teamwork and cooperation are essential for success!),
- improves fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination,
- develops multi-cultural awareness (origami is enjoyed worldwide, not exclusively in Japan!),
- calls upon important math concepts (such as geometry, symmetry, fractions, angles, and proportion), and
- instills self-esteem and a sense of accomplishment.

When and Where:

Class is on **Mondays** at 2:45-3:45 for 1st graders, and 3:55-4:35 for kindergarteners. For 2nd grade and up, class is on **Fridays** and students may enroll in an earlier class (2:55-3:55) or later class (4:10-5:10).

Space is limited and is first-come-first-serve! Please submit the registration form and payment to confirm a spot for your child in class (sorry, NO EXCEPTIONS). The optimal amount of students

in class is six and will not exceed seven. This is to allow for the best quality of instruction. Six also happens to be the minimum amount of students a class must have, otherwise it will be cancelled.

If your 2nd grade and up keiki is interested in origami class, please email Ashley Nishihara at origamiswami@hawaii.rr.com to notify me of the following: a) your preferred time slot, and b) if you would be able to switch to the other time slot if necessary.

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Dates</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| K | 3:55-4:35 pm | Mondays Jan 23 rd -May 22 nd EXCEPT 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, and 5/8 |
| 1 st grade | 2:45-3:45 pm | Mondays Jan 23 rd -May 22 nd EXCEPT 2/20, 3/6, 3/27, and 5/8 |
| 2 nd grade and up | 2:55-3:55, 4:10-5:10 pm | Fridays Jan 27 th -June 2 nd EXCEPT 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, and 5/12 |

Pick-up Policy:

For 1st grade, at 2:30 dismissal I will be waiting at C4 to collect students. I will look after the students until class starts; parents are encouraged to pack a small snack for their child to enjoy during this time. For kindergarteners, I will pick them up from Extended Day if they are enrolled and escort them to class. For 2nd graders and up, students are expected to find their own way to the room after dismissal; after class, I will escort them back to Extended Day if they are enrolled.

If a child who is not enrolled in Extended Day is not picked up at the end of class, I will have the child remain with me until they are picked up. We are usually in class but may also be in transit dropping off or picking up students at other classrooms. **Please notify me of your child's absence; it is a much-appreciated and considerate gesture that saves us a lot of time and worry looking for your child when taking roll!**

Cost:

Kindergarten Total Cost: \$125 (\$105 enrollment + \$20 materials for 14 classes)

1st grade Total Cost: \$250 (\$210 enrollment + \$40 materials for 14 classes)

2nd grade and up Total Cost: \$235 (\$195 enrollment + \$40 materials for 13 classes)

Contact:

If you have any questions or want more information, call or text Ashley Nishihara at 777-0491, or email me at origamiswami@hawaii.rr.com.

Le Jardin Origami Swami Class Registration Form:
Winter/Spring Session II 2017
(Due by Monday, January 9th, 2017)

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Classroom/Teacher: _____

Does this student attend Extended Day? _____

Time Slot Preference (Friday Class ONLY-2nd grade and up-circle one): 2:55-3:55 4:10-5:10

If your preferred time slot is chosen, would you be willing to switch (circle one): Yes No

Mom's Name and Cell Number: _____

Dad's Name and Cell Number: _____

Home Number: _____

Email Address(es): _____

Home Address: _____

Student Medical Issues/Allergies: _____

Photo Waiver/Permission To Take Photos?*: Yes___ No___

*If the Yes space is checked, then you are giving me permission to take photos/videos of your child folding origami or participating in an activity with their origami. These pictures will only be used for class purposes (e.g. putting the pictures in the flyer for the class, or in a personal presentation board at an Open House). **Please make a check for the appropriate amount (see Cost section above) payable to Ashley Nishihara and mail to the following address:**

Ashley Nishihara
1231 Ala Aupaka Place
Honolulu, HI 96818

Thank you very much! I look forward to folding with your keiki! ☺