

The Daycare center on the North campus is a bilingual daycare with a total of 55 spaces for children between the ages of 1 and 6 years. There are two crèche and one Kindergarten groups. English and German are spoken in each group.

Children of students or working parents from the city of Göttingen, as well as children of university employees, have the opportunity for a childcare spot in our daycare center.

The building is a modern passive house with a diverse outdoor area.

You're welcome to come by and visit us to see for yourself!



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Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Main service hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Kindertagesstätte am Nordcampus

Konsultationskindertagesstätte

"I heard children's laughter coming from the windows, and knew it would be a wonderful day."

Roland Leonard



# Pedagogic Themes

## BILINGUAL DAYCARE

We work according to the immersion principle, which means that we immerse children in the language and use the language, supported by gestures, in our daily interactions with each other. In each group, at least one of the teachers uses English with the children, while the others speak German.

Acquisition of two languages in the daycare center:

- ◆ Immersion = most intensive form of language learning
- ◆ Language learning = the earlier, the more successful
- ◆ Playful language acquisition in everyday interactions, while the environment itself is explored
- ◆ Facial expressions, gestures & pictures support the language acquisition
- ◆ One person = one language

## CONSULTATION DAYCARE

"Bilingualism in the daycare center - What does immersion mean and how can bilingual education succeed?". The Ministry of Education of Lower Saxony has awarded our daycare as a Consultation daycare center (Konsultationskindertagesstätte). This award is given to daycares that implement their concept in a special way.

Our offers for pedagogic professionals & schools:

- ◆ Hospitations
- ◆ Consultations regarding the topic bilingualism
- ◆ Visits of the daycare center
- ◆ Presentations, workshops, coaching

## OUR APPROACH

Freeplay and pedagogic project work both have an important place in our approach. A pedagogical offer is for us the age-appropriate accompaniment of upcoming developmental steps. We want to offer children experiences that will holistically support their individual learning processes.

## DOCUMENTING LEARNING

In our day care we work with "Learning Stories". This is a way of observing and documenting a child's learning according to the methods of Margaret Carr. We use this method to illustrate the children's individual learning methods and to document their development. We also use pictures and videos to document the child's learning. The stories of the children's learning are collected in portfolios, that accompany them throughout their time with us. At the end of their stay, each child receives a lovingly created portfolio documenting their entire stay in our day care.

## THE BERLIN ADJUSTMENT MODEL

A good settling-in period is the foundation for the child's well-being in our facility. For us, the educational partnership is very important. The settling-in period is done in consultation with the parents and in a calm atmosphere. In advance, we first have an in-depth conversation with the parents, and during the time a child is with us we also have regularly-scheduled conversations about the child's development.

## MEALS

... are always eaten together. We use mealtime as a regular and returning rhythm to the day. Eating together is also a social experience. Children are provided with all of their meals, including breakfast and an afternoon snack. We also tailor meals to individual needs where necessary, be they for cultural or health reasons.

## MUSIC

Music is one of the emphases of our daycare. We sing every day, because singing is fun, helps language development and socialization in the group. In addition, a music teacher offers early musical education in our house.



## EXERCISE

We have a beautiful, well-equipped, gym area, which is used by every group. And we can also use a big gym area of the University Sport Center near by. In addition, we like to spend time with the children regularly outdoors in the fresh air.

## SLEEP

After so many experiences, it is important to also have time to rest. In the time from 12:30 - 14:30 your child has the opportunity to take his nap with us. Individual sleep needs can also be satisfied. The older children are not required to sleep, but it is possible to sleep if they would like to.