

Welcome to the

SPARKLING DIAMONDS

Who we are:

We are a German-English kindergarten (parents initiative) with 20 places. We have two German teachers and two native English speakers caring for the children. The children are between 2-6 years old.

Opening Hours:

Mon – Friday 7:30 - 17:00

Our general approach:

„Help me to do it myself. Show me how to do it. Don't do it for me. I can and want to do it alone. Have patience to understand my way to do it. It might take a bit longer and I may need some more time, because I want to try more than once. Allow me to make mistakes, because I learn from them. ”

(Maria Montessori)

- ◆ encourage the children's independence and confidence in themselves
- ◆ supporting the children in their individual development within all areas of learning (intellectual, emotional, motor skills, language, social, creative etc.) → orientation towards the “Bayerische Bildungs- und Erziehungsplan”)
- ◆ using methods/principles of various approaches, which fit to the needs of the children (e.g. Montessori, learning in the forest environment etc.)
- ◆ observation (+ documentation) of each child to use as a basis for a well targeted pedagogical effort and to plan accordingly
- ◆ bilingual education (“one person, one language” approach)
- ◆ close involvement with the parents (especially during the settling in period)
- ◆ provide opportunities to experience nature (e.g. trips to the Forest every Tuesday)
- ◆ supporting the children before and within the transition to Primary School (Preschool lesson for the “Vorschul- Children” twice a week; close work together with the Primary Schools; parent evenings about the transition etc.)
- ◆ supporting healthy and well-balanced eating habits
- ◆ including music in our daily routine

- ◆ regular trips to make projects/learning even more interesting (e.g. to the bakery, police station, theatre) and invitation of special guests (puppet show, zoo...)
- ◆ bringing the seasons alive through celebrations of special festivals

A day with us

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| 07.30 - 09.00 | ◆ Children arrive, Free Play |
| 09.00 | ◆ Tidy up time |
| 09.10 - 09.40 | ◆ Circle time
→ the older children (Sapphires/ over 4 years old) have their circle in the Group Room
→ the younger children (Amethysts/ under 4 year old) have their circle in the Jungle Gym |
| | For special occasions we have a big morning circle with all children |
| 09.45 - 10.30 | ◆ Breakfast (food gets prepared by teachers)
◆ Getting ready for the playground |
| 10.30 - 12.00 | ◆ Playground Time |
| 12.00 - 12.30 | ◆ Lunch (organic food delivered by a catering company) |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | ◆ Quiet/ Relaxation Time (listening to stories, imaginary journeys, drawing to music etc.)
◆ Sleeping children are napping in the Jungle Gym |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | ◆ Free Play
◆ Focused activities based on our current projects/ interests of the children
◆ Additional current activities in the afternoons:
<i>Monday:</i> Cooking, learning about food/nutrition
<i>Tuesday:</i> Sport
<i>Wednesday:</i> Experiments
<i>Thursday:</i> Music/drama |
| 14.30 – 15.00 | ◆ Snack time (the children bring their snack from home) |
| 15.00 – 17.00 | ◆ Carrying on with activities
◆ Free play
◆ Children get picked up |