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Fostering Curiosity and a Passion for Lifelong Learning

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Best Practice &

Project-Based Learning

The DAI plans to open a school, in order to be able to build on the work of the international kindergartens and in order to implement some outstanding and excellent pedagogical ideas and concepts from excellent international educational scientists.

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University of Heidelberg (Institute für Bildungswissenschaften, v.a. Bildungswissenschaft im internationalen Vergleich)

Cooperation with

Educational scientists who have come to the DAI to present their research

Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia (SEE Learning Project)

General information

- Application to open a school is with Ministry of Education with whom we are in close contact.
- School type: Community School (grades 1-10, maybe more to add).
- Wants to open in September 2021.
- Two classes, offering a total of 40 spaces; mixed-age classes, starting out with grades 1+2 and probably with 5+6. Two additional classes each year.
- Location: Begeisterhaus at Heidelberg Innovation Park (HIP, Patton Barracks)

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Begeisterhaus Heidelberg Innovation Park

- Makerspace
- Art-Space
- Writers’ Room
- Theater Space
- Film Studio
- BioLab
- Gardening Space
- Space of Ideas!

www.begeisterhaus.de

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Language

Bilingual

- Works with the state curriculum of Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Cambridge Curriculum
- Children without previous knowledge of German are welcome to attend, as well as children without previous knowledge of English.

Class size

- 20 Children

→ to develop a good group dynamic

→ Additional staff assisting smaller groups when necessary for certain projects

Costs & hours

- Full day, i.e. until 15:30 hrs. (“Ganztagsschule”)
- Students can attend additional afternoon programs at the Begeisterhaus.
- Fees ca. 500-600 €/month
- We plan for grants and a graded fee system like in the kindergartens.

Educational principles & concept

Like in DAI kindergarten:

- Strong focus on the English language
- International group of students & teachers
- Part of an international cultural institution
- Fostering curiosity & love of learning
- Community-minded: Empathy and kindness!

If you and your child like the kindergarten there is a good chance you will like the school.

Core of our concept

→ Reflecting on how we learn!

Deep(er) Learning:

- Instruction
- Co-creation (working with the content we have learned in different ways, i.e. writing a paper, drawing a comic, making a film …)
- Presentation of what you have learned.

Project-based learning:

- Reading, writing & math as well as science will be taught as much as possible as part of a bigger project.

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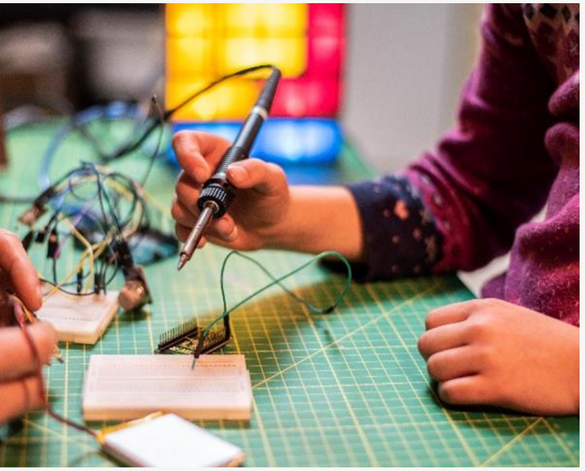
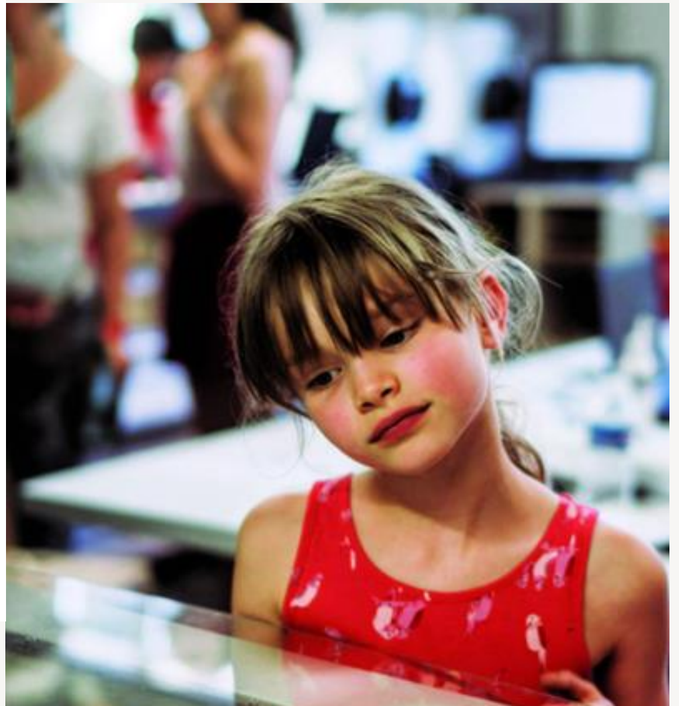


Be and stay curious ♦ develop a love and passion for life-long learning ♦ cherish diversity and our international community ♦ learn from each other as well as from your international teachers ♦ learn from books as well as from nature and from a variety of other sources ♦ be kind to each other ♦ help and support each other ♦ be tolerant ♦ learn what democracy really means ♦ Wear school uniforms so we don't get distracted by things



Application

- Forms on the DAI-Website: bit.ly/DAIschool
- Register now and ask all questions to the future school leaders in an online meeting

DAI Elementary School

- Smooth transition from kindergarten to school
- Native speakers
- International community
- Routines, topics
- Pedagogical approach: e.g. Deep Work, Project Work

After Key Times / In General

- Begeisterhaus
- Cultural Institute
- DAI library
- Sports Clubs
- Theater Projects
- English Camp
- Writing Camp
- Maker Camp
- Educational Science Institute - Heidelberg University
- Learning Management System

Time	Mittwoch		Donnerstag	
7.30-8.10	Attends early care or is at home			
8.15-8.45	independent exercises in writing		gymnastics	
8.45-8.55	drink break		drink break	
8.55-10.15	**Deep Learning 1** **INPUT to:** **"Conducting surveys and recording information"**		**Deep Learning 1.** **Review of:** **"Evaluation of the survey"**	
10.15-10.45	Breakfast and outdoor break			
10.45-12.30	**Deep Learning 2** **Interviews school staff on the subject of pets**		**Deep Learning 2** **Evaluates the answers and presents them**	
12.30-12.35	break fruit/drink		break fruit/drink	
12.35-13.15	Ethics exercise Documentation in the daily schedule with teacher support Birthday party		Ethics exercise Documentation in the daily schedule with teacher support Singing circle	
13.15-14.00	PAUSE Lunch, outdoor play			
14.00-15.30	Go home		Art room (Cambridge Curriculum)	
	Begeisterhaus			

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überall verfügbar

einfacher und sicherer Zugang

digitale Lerninhalte

fächerübergreifend

Die Vorteile der Schul-Cloud

Quelle: Hasso-Plattner-Institut

A little about me

Studium:

Erziehungswissenschaften,
Soziologie, Psychologie

Meine Passionen:

Familie & Reisen

Bintourongs

Natur & Kinder, Kinder…

What deep learning looks like in the classroom

- Learning mathematics by designing and building ancient greek temples.
- Building
- Reading & Writing
- Art & Theater

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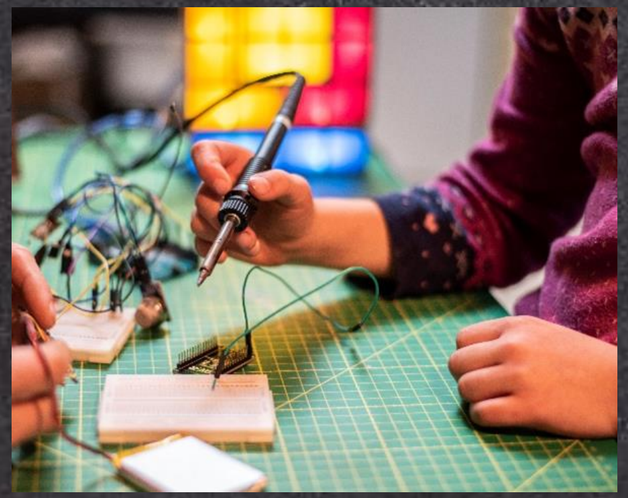

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