

Project report Da Vinci School Hartberg



In the middle of the Styrian mountains there is a lovely little city called Hartberg.

A motivated team of pedagogists turned to Grenzenlos to express the wish to host an international volunteer. Very soon a project plan was developed and the project is ready to host their first volunteer!

In September the new year at school started and the DaVinci Kindergarten and School opened. As we are very curious we asked Ella Salchinger, the kindergarden teacher to tell us more about the first weeks and the plan for the upcoming year.

„The first 3 weeks at school and in the kindergarden passed by. This phase is always exciting for us adults as well as for the kids. New rules, new faces, new environment, many moments from the holidays to share...

The children love the Kindergarten, slowly they find their position in the group and find their own games to play.

This year our main topic we work on is „THE TREE“.

What else I can tell you?

On monday the tooth-health-teacher came to show the children the importance of healthy food for healthy teeth. Now every monday we clean the teeth before we eat the snack.

On tuesdays we usually go into the woods. The children are enthusiastic about exploring the nature, we are surrounded by. The good fairy of the wood guides the children into a world full of awe and marvel.

Last week we built a wooden couch made of sticks, as a meetingplace there. Since that the forrest became even more a part of our daily life. We also use mainly natural materials for handicraft like leaves, chestnuts, seeds, and wooden sticks.

Wednesday is english day. Granny from Great Britan tells the children a little about her country and her language, we sing english songs and speak basic english.

Every Friday we do a child conference: the kids can take part on basic-democratical decisions. They can decide what they want to change in their close environment.

This week we have got a lot to celebrate: The first birthday of one of the kids, and Thanks Giving where we traditionally say thank you to the nature for all the gifts.

Our plan fort he upcoming months?

In autumn we also plan to visit a farm. Then a more quiet time starts. When it is very foggy we tell the children stories about ghosts and witches.

We also celebrate some traditional festivals: The lightfestival of holy St. Martin (11.11.). In November we also plan to make a „day of the open door“ where we show the public how we work.

At December 6th we celebrate the „Nikolaus-day“, and then we start to prepare for Christmas. We hope that at this time already a volunteer is working with us and that we can share all these nice traditions with our Native speaker“