



German International School of Houston

German-English Dual Language Immersion Preschool Program

ONE CHILD. TWO LANGUAGES. UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.

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ABOUT GISH

The **German International School of Houston (GISH)** is a small Preschool serving students in the Houston area offering a German-English Dual-Language Immersion Program. Our educational program is dedicated to enriching the lives of students, parents and teachers through cross-cultural interaction. Our 2 - 5 years old students learn a second language naturally through exposure to stimulating content and a language-rich environment. Our multi-age classroom provides students with experiences beyond what other same age classrooms can offer.

Instructions are provided from **Monday through Friday** in classrooms with a low student / teacher ratio.

Operational hours 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

Extended Day hours 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

To accommodate our parents' needs we offer an **Extended Day Program choice**, as outlined on our current enrollment contract. Part time enrollment for 3-day + 2-day programs will be considered based on the classroom outline for our youngest students 2-3 years of age. **Our academic** year consists of a ten-month school year from the end of August until mid-June. Major vacations / holidays are in alignment with the HISD academic calendar.

Curriculum:

Learning at the **German International School of Houston (GISH)** takes place through a thematic curriculum. Educational activities include storytelling, reading, singing, art projects, fine and gross motor activities, math and science projects, nature exploration and celebration of German and American holidays. We believe in "hands-on" and inquiry-based learning through exploring, discovering, experimenting and observing the environment. Our goal is to build the foundation for a positive learning attitude. We provide a variety of learning environments that fit the student's individual needs and developmental level: physical, cognitive, and social-emotional.

Activities:

We provide a schedule for age appropriate activities in a safe, nurturing and developmentally suitable environment with daily opportunities for outdoor play. Each classroom has a written age appropriate daily schedule.

At **GISH**, our teachers guide students throughout activities by providing encouragement and assistance. Natural curiosity motivates children to engage in interactive and hands-on activities. **GISH** focuses on small group activities that provide the basis for language acquisition. Being surrounded by German and English speakers gives students the opportunity to develop, learn and speak the languages.

Letter Day/Phonic Awareness:

For our older preschool classrooms each language has a designated letter day once a week. During circle time the whole group focuses on the phonic sound and how the letter is formed through different activities.

Pre-Kindergarten - Writing Curriculum:

Since 2008 we have used the writing curriculum and material of **Handwriting Without Tears (HWT)** in the classroom. The multi-sensory and interactive approach of the program make it a perfect fit for our multi-age classroom. The HWT curriculum focuses on uppercase letters only for writing. Lower case letters exist in print in our classroom.

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