

Every child is unique

The contextual approach is a pedagogical concept which is oriented on the situation of the children and their families and builds upon it.

The approach harnesses the children's natural curiosity. The fundamental tenet is that each child is an autonomous, self-motivated personality who should be nurtured according to his or her individual abilities and needs.

Working together

At Dussmann KulturKindergarten we recognize that you are our most important partner. You are the experts when it comes to the upbringing of your children. This is why establishing a positive relationship with you is so important to us.

We document life at Dussmann KulturKindergarten and keep you up to date on the development of your child through informal chats and during prepared development reviews.



Family friendly opening times

As a service provider, it is a matter of course that we orient the opening times of our care facilities on the working hours of parents. If requested we can offer a 24-hour service including night and weekend care without an annual break.

We would be happy to hear from you

Further information and a registration form are available in internet at www.kulturkindergarten.de. You can also contact us via telephone or email.



Making their own decisions

At Dussmann KulturKindergarten, the community is important. For children, the opportunity to express their feelings is just as important. We take children seriously; we help them to become aware of their needs and to act accordingly. Here are three examples:

- As soon as children are able, they serve themselves at mealtimes. They decide what and how much they want to eat; we don't force them to "just have a taste".
- Children don't have to take a midday nap if they don't want to. They can just rest or play quietly.
- We offer the children a wide variety of activities from all fields of education and then the children make up their own minds about which activities they join.



Welcome to Dussmann KulturKindergarten

We are happy to welcome you to Dussmann KulturKindergarten and to offer you premium care facilities for your children. Dussmann KulturKindergarten gemeinnützige GmbH is a member of the Dussmann Group. We operate in-house company child care facilities across Germany. These are characterized by an emphasis on arts and culture, a bilingual approach and long opening hours.

This enables you, as both parent and employee, to balance work and family. When needed, we can be there for your children around the clock. At weekends and on public holidays too.



Using **all** of the Senses to Learn

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It is our objective to make the time with the children at Dussmann KulturKindergarten a happy one. Our pedagogical concept and special profile enable children to experience the many facets of education and culture.

We are always open for suggestions or questions and we look forward to an intensive and stimulating exchange of ideas.

The management, Dussmann KulturKindergarten

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Our special profile

At Dussmann KulturKindergarten, the focus is on arts and culture and we maintain partnerships with numerous local cultural organizations, from museums to music and dance groups, theaters and libraries.

We organize regular exhibitions to show your children's artworks and integrate artists into our day-to-day activities.



Discovering art and culture

Involvement in cultural activities promotes children's self-confidence, self-motivation and tenacity. The ability to communicate, to integrate into the community, flexibility and tolerance are strengthened. Cultural activities develop the senses and the creativity of children.



Learning, developing skills and lots of fun

At Dussmann KulturKindergarten, we believe that learning involves self-teaching. Our pedagogical personnel give the children the encouragement that they need to learn and acquire knowledge themselves. We recognize individual abilities and strengths and support each child according to his or her needs.



Experiencing art

In our ateliers, children can experiment with different materials. They experience the world through color, paper, clay, wood or modeling dough and in doing so, develop their skills.

Making music

Music is so important for early development. We sing and play music with the children; we introduce instruments to them and listen to music together. We go on excursions to follow the trail of music and sounds in the city.



Holistic learning

Our educators consider themselves teachers and, simultaneously, learners. The emphasis at Dussmann KulturKindergarten on arts and culture is reflected in everything we do.

We take up the children's ideas and integrate them into projects covering a wide variety of topics. We offer cultural impulses in the context of the situation so that activities are interrelated.

In September, for example, the sunflower might be taken as a central theme to include the twelve sunflowers in a vase by Vincent van Gogh, the sunflower poem by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe and the lyrics and music of a song about sunflowers. The children examine a sunflower, paint it, consider van Gogh's painting and sing. Other ideas grow from these activities such as a visit to a sunflower field to see how sunflowers grow. The children may dry the seeds and bake bread with the kernels, use them in a collage or feed the birds.



The children create sunflowers of their own with a variety of materials.

The children's ideas and those of the educators can be endless and each activity connects with the next, a concept that is important for learning.

Theater and dance

During theater projects, children experiment with drama and performance. They learn to express themselves and, at the same time, learn to respect the expressions of others. Trips to the theater and cinema are part of the program as is the creation of backdrops and costumes in preparation for the performance.



Linguistic development

Linguistic development is an important part of our day-to-day work. At Dussmann KulturKindergarten, we help children to express themselves verbally in play. We encourage them to join in and to experiment with words, sentences, rhythm and song.



Promoting language ability

In an increasingly global world, the ability to speak other languages is growing in importance. This is why we want to help the children to acquire a fundamental knowledge of the English language.

Our English speaking educators familiarize the children with their language according to the concept of total immersion. Immersion is very similar to the way children learn their mother tongue; through daily routine, without compulsion, without pressure.

