

#### Admissions

The goal of GISW's preschool is to meet the social and educational needs of the children. Its mission is not only to provide an academic education, but also to help them find their place in the greater community. The preschool is approved by the *State of Maryland, Department of Education (MSDE)* to care for and teach children age two to four.

Children may be admitted to preschool throughout the school year provided there is space available. Children who have been accepted are considered fully enrolled

Schedule overview:	
Morning program for all groups	8:00 am - 1:15 pm; pickup time until 1:30 pm
Afternoon program for registered 2-4-year-olds	1:30 pm - 2:45 pm; pickup time until 3:00 pm Buses leave at 3:20 pm

The law requires that you not move your vehicle when school buses in the parking lot have stop signs extended. Instructions by the supervisory personnel must be followed.

## Parking in the lower parking lot

There are parking spaces available in the lower parking lot. Please ensure that your child uses the sidewalk when entering and leaving the school. As noted above, you may not park or stop next to the yellow curbs.

The Two-year-old groups have a big picnic to celebrate the end of the year on school grounds. Parents are invited to join.

Holidays and birthday parties

We would like your children to be happy, play, learn and develop their own personalities. For this reason, holidays that share other cultures and customs are important. Holidays in both countries: As a German preschool in the United States, we celebrate both German (St. Martin, Nikolaus, Christmas, Carnival and Easter) and American (Halloween, Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day) holidays. By doing so, we learn about different customs and continue traditions. Other cultures are included in the annual planning as well.

A birthday is an important event for every child. We celebrate birthdays with songs and games in the group. During the day, the child is the center of attention. If you would like to bring small baked goods (such as cookies or cupcakes) for the group, please let your child's teacher know in advance. If there is a conflict with the -oks

### Afternoon Program and Extended Care

The Afternoon Program and Extended Care offer yet another opportunity to deepen not only friendships, but also German language skills, through play. The Afternoon Program runs from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm Monday – Friday.

#### Sleeping area:

At 1:30 pm, we offer our younger students the opportunity to either rest/sleep. Often the two-year-olds already will have had a little rest earlier in the day.

Please send a stuffed animal, a pillow and a blanket with your child.

In the sleeping group, daily routine is important and we encourage the children to be independent. The children learn to take off their own shoes and put them on again,

# School closure

Information on cancellation of classes due to inclement weather or for other reasons is available on the German School website.

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