

Welcome to EYP- Early Years Program at ISU

Welcome to EYP and what we hope will be a year full of fun, play and learning. The following information is for you to familiarise yourself with some of our procedures, as well as some of the necessary items that your child will need whilst here at ISU. Should you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact your child's homeroom teacher via e-mail. A more detailed letter of specific classroom procedures and a timetable will be sent home with your child in their first week of school.

School Hours

The school doors open at 8:00 am-- no sooner please, unless you register for Early Morning Care. We ask that EYP children be in their rooms by 8:25 to help us avoid hallway congestion or accidents, and so that they can start the day with the class. EYP classes will be finished at 3:15 p.m. when you can pick them up in the main entry. EYP 2 and 3 children may stay in the After-school Care program which ends at 4:45 p.m. All children must be picked up before 5:00 p.m.

First Day

In general it is best not to prolong saying goodbye to your child, as this can be a dramatic experience for both parents and the child. In our experience, most children settle down beautifully soon after their parents have left. If your child continues to be distressed or upset after an extended period of time rest assured that we will contact you. You may also call the office on the first day to check if everything is going well.

The first school day will predominantly center on the children becoming familiar with each other, their new environment and their classroom routine. If you feel that it would be of assistance, please allow your child to bring a comfort item such as a toy, photo etc. It often helps if the children bring an item from home to show their class.

School Bag / Backpack

A small school bag or backpack is a necessity for your child to carry his/her snack, artwork, letters, books, etc.

Snacks

Please provide your child with a healthy snack to share at our first break. In order to teach good and nutritious food manners, we ask you, not to send any sweets, candies, chocolate, sweet bars, etc. We suggest packing fruits, vegetables, dried fruit, crackers or sandwiches. If you send yoghurt, don't forget to pack a spoon. Snack boxes and drink bottles should be labelled and are placed in the labelled boxes as the children enter in the morning.

Lunch

Children may either bring their lunch with them or have the opportunity to order a warm lunch provided at school. **EYP 3 lunches are ordered individually by parents, and EYP 1 & 2 family-style lunch is ordered by the teacher.** At ISU we encourage healthy eating and drinking and as such ask that your child is provided with a nutritious snack with water or apple juice "Apfelschorle" in a bottle only as their drink. Please do not send in cookies or sweets as part of their lunches.

Appropriate Clothing

Different times of year call for different clothing needs. Please ensure that your child is equipped with a hat and sunscreen in summer; a raincoat, jacket, etc. in the cooler months, and snow pants and warm coats in the cold winter months. We do go outside in all weather.

Change of Clothes

Sometimes spills or accidents occur, and therefore we would ask that your child has a change of clothes that remains at school throughout the year. Please ensure that these clothes are labelled with your child's name and that they are weather appropriate.

House Shoes/ Dental care

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a pair of slippers or house shoes that remain at school and are used in the building during school time.

We also encourage the cleaning of teeth after lunch and ask that your child brings a toothbrush, and a small tube of toothpaste.

Quiet Time

EYP children will have the opportunity to have quiet time after lunch. We ask that you provide them with a small labelled pillow and small (less than 120 cm) blanket or large towel to lie on and help them relax during this time.

Informal Talks and Conferences

Your child's homeroom teacher will be in contact with you during the first week of school to organize informal talks to further facilitate communication between parents and school and to inquire about your child's interests and needs.

Supplies

- 2 large **boxes** of tissues for classroom use / Taschentücher in Karton
- 2 pair of underwear / Unterhose
- 2 undershirts / Unterhemd *and* 2 T-Shirts
- 2 pair of pants / Hosen *and* one pair of shorts
- 1 long-sleeve shirt / Langarmoberteil
- 2 pair of socks / Socken
- Sunhat / Sonnenhut
- Rain pants/ Regenhose *and* Rain jacket / Regenjacke
- Boots / Regentiefel
- Pillow 40x40 cm / Kissen *and* small blanket 120 cm or less
- Toothbrush and toothpaste / Zahnbürste und Zahnpaste
- House shoes (slippers or inside shoes) / Hausschuhe
- Sport shoes / Turnschlappchen
- Water bottle, snack and lunch each day

EYP 3 Parents: Please do not forget that lunches must be ordered by parents before 2:00 pm at least one day in advance.

We look forward to seeing you and getting to know your children during the coming months!