



TALLINNA PÄIKESEJÄNKU KINDERGARTEN

WHO?

We are an educational institute for children, we have 2 separate buildings and all together 7 groups of kids. There are 155 kids in our kindergarten, from ages between 2-7 yrs.



WHERE?

We are located in the center of the capital of Estonia – Tallinn. The population of the city is around 400 000 people. Tallinn is a beautiful and lovely town on the shore of Baltic Sea.

OUR MISSION

We are creating a happy childhood, and offering a safe place to learn and play for every kid who has been entrusted to us.

DAILY LIFE

From Monday to Friday parents can leave their children with us in order to give them an opportunity to play and learn with others. Children's day in the kindergarten includes – a meal 3 times a day, a nap, playing and learning inside as well as outside, crafting and making art. Both of the buildings have their own playground, where kids go with the teachers 1-2 times a day. Kids can climb, run, play with sand, play ball, swing – anything that is safe and makes kids happy. Working language in kindergarten is Estonian. There are 14 teachers, including teacher of music and teacher of gymnastics.



LEARNING

Kids learn through playful activities - math, mother tongue, environment and science, arts and craft activities. We also have music lessons and physical education (for everyone) and for extra activities parents can send the kids to ceramics, wrestling, dancing, singing or yoga lessons.



MAKING LIFE INTERESTING

- Kindergarten has many means to make learning fun and modern – easy access to the city, creativity room with lots of art and craft supplies, IT-technology (teacher's computers, tablets, bee-bots, projector, interactive board).
- To keep the learning interesting and active, teachers take kids often to nearby museums, theaters, movies and parks.

- Every year we have many traditional events, where all the kids, teachers and parents are involved. We all enjoy the preparation part as much as the event itself. For example we have
 - Fares – where parents can prepare something homemade or grow some plants and sell it with kids to collect money for extra activities for children. We have autumn fare, Christmas fare, Spring fare and a book fare (to exchange books)
 - Celebration on Fathers day in November and Mothers day in May.
 - Kindergarten birthday in November
 - Estonian Independence Day in February
 - Valentine’s day, Christmas, Easter and many other celebrations from local folk calendar.

NOT ONLY FOR KIDS

For teachers we have few times a year some workshops and teamwork strengthening events and workshops. Once a week we have a team-meeting to share information, our success stories and our trouble points. We celebrate also each other’s birthdays.

Parents are involved in kindergarten life as well. They take part and help to organize traditional events, bringing cakes to sell on the fares and sewing costumes for parties.

It is important to us to have open and generous relationship between all the members of our big family kindergarten.



WE EXPECT:

- Warm and friendly volunteer, who shares the love of children as much as we do.
- Open-minded and creative young person, who comes up with fun activities and takes part of our events with enthusiasm.
- Willingness to learn a bit of Estonian through playful activities with children.

- Foreign volunteer can participate in all activities and offer his/her ideas and be creative with children. Volunteers can make performances with children, sport activities and competitions etc., having of course previously discussed and coordinated it all with the teachers.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEER:

- The typical tasks for the volunteer would be helping teachers in everyday indoor and outdoor activities and participating in learning activities. The volunteer will join in our visits to museums, art exhibitions, sports events, outings. He/she will introduce his/her country, nation and cultural traditions to our children, parents and personnel (e.g. easy games and dances for children, national food). The volunteer will participate in our traditional kindergarten events and folk calendar celebrations.
- Volunteer is a part of a team whose task is to assist the teacher in the learning process. The duties are:
 - directly assisting the children individual work preparing teaching devices if necessary.
 - taking part in the study visits (expeditions), in outdoor education and in the movement activities.
 - assisting the teachers in the preparation of the traditional house events -sports days, night disco, folklore festival, health mornings, study visits, field trips, excursions, etc.
- Volunteer would be fully included in organizing the events. Kindergarten is equipped with an innovative and modern information and communication technology (ICT) tools. We have computer network and also WiFi hot spots, which facilitates the use of ICT tools. This enables to diversify the learning activities. ICT tools are used actively in learning, creating learning materials, making animations and videos with children, etc (media education).