



Erlebnisbericht zum bilingualen Projekt an der Kaland-Schule

At Kaland school, language is not just a subject to be studied—it is a bridge to connection, creativity, and fun.

As an English Assistant working alongside our wonderful homeroom teacher and Erzieherinnen, my goal is to weave English into our students' daily lives.

From the first bell to the end of the day, we find "windows" of opportunity to grow:

Whether we are supporting students in Math with bilingual cheers like "good , wonderful or Gut gemacht!" or exploring Art, we use English to name our creations. By translating simple artistic terms, the children relate the language to their own imagination.

Our dedicated English hours are full of energy! We play games, solve puzzles, and—most importantly—exchange roles. I love giving the students the "key words" they need to lead their peers. Seeing them take charge in English is incredibly rewarding.

Thanks to the amazing cooperation with the homeroom teacher, we enjoy stories with both German and English transcripts. As they practice their German reading, I provide the English counterpart, helping them build a natural mental map between the two languages.

I believe the best bonding happens outside of formal lessons. During lunchtime, I rotate tables to share small conversations. We introduce "life words" like knife, fork, or "Have a nice meal!" It's a time to bond, proving that English is a language of friendship, not just a textbook.

Even during homework and after-school play, we use English phrases in "normal life" situations. Whether we are drawing together or playing "silly" games, these moments of free enjoyment are where the most authentic learning happens.



I am also proud to lead an English Language Course for students who choose to join out of pure interest. We dive into mini-projects and everyday small talk, and cover different topics and educational goals.

I am so grateful to the Kaland administration, my fantastic colleagues, and, of course, our sweet, adventurous students.

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