



DIE LÖWENKINDER



KINDERGARTEN

‘Preparing our kids for LIFE.’

CONCEPT

We are blessed to live in a mysterious and wonderful Africa, synonymous with magnificence, explorations and breathtaking ‘back to nature experiences’.

However, sadly some children no longer experience these journeys and have not been able to return to nature, and don’t know what it means to find prized treasures, only found in nature.

To collect a spray of wild grasses or to identify strange and wonderful animal tracks have become quite unfamiliar to many children these days.

Coupled with this, children are rarely exposed to animals and are denied the opportunity to interact with animals, and sadly these children are deprived of the magical sensation of patting, cuddling, and grooming an animal.

In a world which is overwrought by climate change and which suffers ecological threats on a daily basis, it has now become even more imperative that children (tomorrow’s leaders) are given a clear understanding of what each creature’s essential role is in an ecosystem. For example, it is important that they know why there are ants and bees and more importantly what critical roll these little creatures play in an eco-system.

The fact that everyday excursions into nature has sadly been taken for granted in an ever-increasing fast paced world, became evident during the corona pandemic, where children were simply not able to go outside, to play with animals, to walk in nature and more importantly to breathe fresh air.

It goes without saying that for many children, vegetables come from a supermarket and so do the other natural foods that we eat. This is what we want to change, by creating awareness by making sure that every child has a chance to learn how to plant a seed, to water it, to nurture it and ultimately to experience the satisfaction of harvesting the fruits of its hard work.

With this in mind - as part of the Kindergarten’s fundamental activities, vegetables will be planted on the premises by each child, who will be provided with his or her own little wooden box, where different types of vegetables will be grown, and in so doing, the child will get to



experience this wonderful miracle, as well as being delicately introduced to basic responsibilities by the child having to care for its own little vegetable garden in order for it to flourish.

“Die Löwenkinder = The Lion Cubs’ strive to become little explorers, developing into exceptional adults and wonderful human beings, who can ultimately lead by example and make a difference in tomorrow’s world.

“If we want our children to move
mountains one day,
we have to free them from their chairs first.”
~ Nicolette Sowder

Background

What can a child learn from nature?

- *Nature gives a child a strong down-to-earth attitude and at the same time awakens interests.*

We live in a precious country that has many educational resources, such as:

- Nature
- Organic food
- Wild animals
- African culture & music

We would like to pass these values on to our children.

Social Behaviour

What is the importance of social behaviour amongst children?

- *The foundation of a child's personality is shaped in the first 7 years.*

Monitoring social behaviour is a vital aspect to our teachers.

Principles:

- Greeting each other
- Treating each other with respect
- Asking permission
- Communicating with each other
- Setting boundaries and the ability to say STOP
- Learning to apologise

Playful Learning

Why do we integrate African wild animals into our learning program?

- *Animal offspring and human children act very similarly in the learning phase: learning is only successful through trial and error.*

The answer lies in 'playful learning'.

It is clear that preparation for the German school system is key. Here, too, we offer the learning of numbers, colours, shapes and activities in a particular way, so that the transition to school enrolment occurs smoothly, but the adventure remains exciting for the child.



Toys are mainly made of natural materials, such as wood, pods and wool.

Parents

Why do parents play a vital role in our Kindergarten?

- *Kindergarten should be fun. Not just for kids. For adults as well.*

For us it is of the utmost significance that the close cooperation between parents, children and teachers remains a focal point of our educational institution. Again, this can only be achieved based on constant communication between the 3 parties.

We want to build a relationship on mutual trust, so that parents can excel in their job with peace of mind, while our teachers take care of the children.

Age Groups

Why do we only start enrolment from 12 months onwards?

- *The answer lies in the development phase. Before children enroll in the Kiga, they should be able to eat themselves and be able to communicate. A daycare center is advisable for children under 12 months of age.*

12 months – 24 months:	Small group (Simba)	Tatjana Kollmitz (plus assistants)
2 years – 3 years:	Explorer group (Pumbaa)	Ursel Goldbeck (plus assistant)
3 years – 4 years:	Explorer group (Zazu)	Nikita Tiemann (plus assistant)
4 years - 6 years:	Prep Group & Preschool (Timon)	Vanessa Rusch

Daily Program

Why do we only start off our program at 8h30?

- *We know from experience that toddlers often sleep until 8:00 a.m. At this age, sleep is needed, and ideally, children should wake up on their own.*

Our Kindergarten is open from 7:00am until 17:30pm.

Children can be brought to kindergarten from 7:00 a.m.

7h00-8h30:	Drop off & free play
8:30 am:	Breakfast
9:00 am:	Morning circle
9.15 am:	Arts & Crafts
10.30 am:	Vegetable garden (Small Group: Nap time)
11h00:	Free play
12h00:	Lunch
12:30 pm:	Painting/Free Play
13h00:	Pick up

We understand that parents are not always ready to pick up at 13h00 sharp, so our teachers are happy to be available for collection between 12:30pm – 13:45pm.

Half day: please collect your child latest by 13:45.

Full day: please collect your child latest by 17:30.



Meals

Meals such as breakfast, fruit break and lunch are provided.

It is important to us that our fresh products come from Namibia.

Farm products are always welcome.

Upcycling & Recycling

Why do we prefer making arts & crafts from waste materials?

- Die Löwenkinder kids learn the ability to create something themselves and thus an end product is often more valuable to the child.

When it comes to fine motor skills, as well as handcrafting, we try to pay attention to recycling, and to use upcycling as a motto: to transform waste products and materials of no use into new toys. The creative side of a toddler's brain should be stimulated daily.

Holidays

Our Kindergarten will be closed for approximately 20 days per annum.

Language

We are a German Kindergarten.

Registration only applies if minimum 1 parent is preferably German-speaking.

Fees

Registration Fee: N\$ 2000,- per child.

Siblings of current Kiga children have priority.

Please refer to Pricelist of the applicable year.

Termination period holds 2 x calendar months. The Kindergarten must be notified in writing.

Extramural activities such as Wiggle & Jam or excursions are excluded.

Pony Riding (offered by Pony Express) will be available on the Kindergarten premises and is included in the fees.

Sickness regulation

Sick children need rest.

We understand the need for parents to go to work, but we reserve the right to have the child collected by the parents, if the child shows behavior changes or symptoms of illness.

Some illnesses we should be informed about and we ask parents to let us know of such.

Medicine may not be administered in our kindergarten.



Occasions & Events

Oma & Opa Tag - February

Osterfest/Easter Fest - April

Kiga Markt - May

Frühlingstanz/Spring Fest - September

Erntedankfest/Thanks Giving - October

Laternenfest – November

Nikolaustag/St. Nicholas – December

Weihnachtsfest/Christmas Fest – December

"I may not be perfect, but when I look at my children I
know that I've done something right in my life."

~ Petra S. (Mother)

Schedule a viewing & meet the teachers:

- Maike/Vanessa: info@lowenkinder.com or Whatsapp: 081 676 0783

