



Overseas Family School

Mother Tongue Finnish



Finnish Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015 Suomi äidinkielenä opetus aloitettiin elokuussa 2015

- Our rich Mother Tongue program underwent a major expansion from August 2015. We offer Mother Tongue classes in 14 different languages, from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.
- **Finnish Mother Tongue is offered from Pre-K2 to Grade 8.**
- Mother Tongue program is integrated into the curriculum and **does not involve an extra fee.**

Languages offered are:

Danish	Dutch	Finnish	French	German
Hebrew	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Mandarin
Norwegian	Russian	Spanish	Swedish	

Overseas Family School is:

- authorised by the International Baccalaureate (IB), Geneva, Switzerland
- registered with Cambridge Assessment International Education, UK
- accredited K-12 by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), USA
- a Member School of International Early Years Curriculum (IEYC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- a Member School of International Primary Curriculum (IPC) registered with Fieldwork Education, UK
- registered by the Committee for Private Education (CPE), Singapore [Registration No.: 199104269R (1/9/2015 - 31/8/2019)]
- EduTrust Certified [Certificate Number: EDU-2-2072 (Validity: 21/12/2015 - 20/12/2019)]

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Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



What is it?

This refers to the first language a child learns at home.

Why is Mother Tongue important?

It is in the dominant language that higher level thinking takes place. This is especially pronounced in very young children. It will also benefit children in education back in their home country, should they return, as they will be competent in oral, written and grammar skills.



How is it done?

This program is well resourced:

- Four sessions per week, in Kindergarten (from Pre-K2), Elementary and Middle School.
- Integrated into the academic programs.
- All features of any other subject, i.e. assessment, homework, reporting, etc.
- Focuses on reading, writing, listening, speaking and culture. Courses include literature in the Mother Tongue.
- Is an additional choice for parents, **instead of** foreign language study.
- **No additional fee involved.**

Who are the teachers?

Our Mother Tongue teachers are native speakers of the language, with teacher training and degree earned in the home country. They are qualified to teach in the home country and also fluent in English.



"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart".

Nelson Mandela



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Nina Nordman on suorittanut kasvatustieteen maisterin tutkinnon Jyväskylän yliopistossa ja erityisopettajan tutkinnon Helsingin yliopistossa. Hän on opettanut Suomessa seitsemän vuotta peruskoulun ala-asteen yleisopetuksessa ja neljä vuotta erityisopetuksessa. Singaporessa Nina on toiminut kansainvälisten koulujen opettajana yli kymmenen vuotta. Nina on työskennellyt Overseas Family Schoolissa vuodesta 2012 alkaen. Koulussamme Nina on toiminut luokanopettajana, musiikinopettajana ja nyt hän nauttii roolistaan suomen opettajana. Vapaa-ajallaan Nina pitää lukemisesta, matkustelusta ja perheen kanssa touhuamisesta.



Mrs Nina Nordman