



# Overseas Family School

## Mother Tongue German



### German Mother Tongue Classes since August 2015 Deutsch als Muttersprache - Klassen seit August 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.
- **German 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	<b>German</b>
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)]
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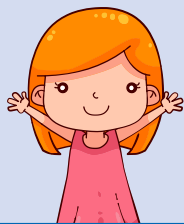
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# Mother Tongue at Overseas Family School



## 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**



## Mother Tongue German

Ich bin in Deutschland geboren und aufgewachsen. Hier erhielt ich auch 1997 mein zweites Staatsexamen für das Lehramt an Grundschulen. Nahtlos anschließend kam ich nach Singapur und arbeitete fast 10 Jahre am Goethe-Institut, wo ich mich auf Deutsch als Fremdsprache (DAF) spezialisierte. Ebenfalls arbeitete ich an der NUS (National University of Singapore), hielt Vorlesungen und gab Seminare für DAF. Darüber hinaus war ich Leiterin einer 'Kind und Mutter - Spielgruppe' an der Deutschen Schule Singapurs. Im August 2006 begann meine Karriere an der Grundschule der OFS als Lehrerin für DAF. Als Leiterin des Muttersprachprogramms Deutsch gehe ich immer sehr individuell auf meine Schüler ein und erhalte mit abwechslungsreichen, interessanten Materialien die Freude am Lernen. Deutsch ist als wichtigste Sprache Europas auch die zehntmeistgesprochene Sprache der Welt und es ist mir ein Vergnügen, viele Schüler bei dem Erwerb und der Pflege dieser Sprache zu begleiten.



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