

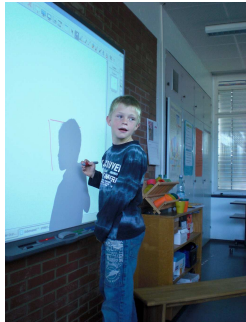
Working with New Media

A steady component of our teaching work is using modern software and the Internet in all our classes. Every student from the second grade on is taught to use an online based literature program, to write own stories, to use the Internet to find information or to create his own homepage.



Two years ago we started an E-mail-project in our fourth grade classes: Writing short E-mails in English to pen pals in Italy, even China and Poland. For the **eTwinning-Project** "A look across the border" with a primary school in Poland we won a national eTwinning quality-label-award in June 2008.

Our students get used to computers in a creative and comprehensive way.



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They experience computers as a useful instrument in their daily learning and living.

For the COMENIUS-project students from grade 4 meet once a week to share experiences, pictures and videos with students of the participating schools in the European countries.

Musical Education



In cooperation with our local public music-school we offer guitar-, flute- and drum-lessons in the afternoon. Our school choir meets once a week. The choir takes part in **local events** and is an important piece in our **active school live**.

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Kaethe-Kollwitz-School

Giessen

The **Kaethe-Kollwitz-School** is an Elementary School in the northern part of Giessen, **a town with about 75.000 inhabitants in the middle of Germany**, 60 kilometres north of Frankfurt.



230 pupils from 20 nations attend our school, taught by 16 teachers. Our work is based on the official curriculum of the state of Hessen.



Understanding for different cultural backgrounds or the individual needs of our children are very important for us. Over 50% of our pupils have a bilingual education at home and speak besides German the native language of their parents home countries.



This variety enriches living and learning at our school. Our **main goal is to support every student** to come to a sufficient and successful learning process.

In our work we focus on a comprehensive concept of education

For our students:

- special homework assistance
- special afternoon classes
- additional sport lessons

- special training for pupils, concerning physical movement
- prevention of violence

For parents:

- individual advice by special teachers, psychologists or education experts
- evening classes concerning educational topics

Sports and motion



daily schedule.

Our school teams take part in many **sport competitions** in our town (swimming,



Physical exercise is important for a child's healthy development and supportive concerning successful learning. It is although an essential part of our

soccer, long-distance-running). We are very proud of our pupils' successes. We start our school-week with a Monday morning meeting with all students. We welcome the week with a monthly song and gymnastics.

Comenius-Project

"While playing I create – Education through movement"



From September 2008 till June 2010 we are working in a COMENIUS-project. Together with a preschool in Lodz/Poland, a primary school in Isparta/Turkey and a primary school in Langhus nearby Oslo/Norway we are working for a better education through movement and a education for children's healthy, acquiring new practical skills and sharing them with other partners.