

Welcome Back to our Spring Semester 2012!



Dear Students,

We are excited to have you back this Saturday, January 21st, and guide you through your effort to improve your German.

Our teachers will be at the school from **9:30 am to 1:30 pm** each Saturday.

Classes will be held from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Please make sure you pick up your child on time, so the teachers can use their planning time accordingly. If you need to have a meeting with us, let us know in advance and we will schedule an appointment.

Also, if you have not made the payment for the second semester, please confirm with us (coisgerman@gmail.com) that you are returning as soon as possible.

The Spring Semester is 16 weeks long. We will be working with you to improve your level of understanding and expression in writing, speaking, and listening.

Our focus is to get you to a proficiency level that may take you through the following steps:

Description of levels — from beginner stage to advanced stage:

- **Level A1: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand and use everyday expressions and simple sentences,
- ... introduce yourself and others, ask everyday questions and answer them — e.g. where you come from, where you live, the people you know, or the things you own,
- ... communicate in a simple way, if the persons you are talking to, speak slowly and clearly and are prepared to help you.

- **Level A2: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand and use frequently used expressions concerning all areas of everyday life, e.g. you are able to give information about yourself and your family, go shopping, describe your work and close environment,
- ... communicate in simple routine situations during which you have to directly exchange information on familiar subjects.
- ... describe with the aid of simple means your own background and education and your immediate environment and

- **Level B1: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand the main issues if standard language is used clearly and if the conversation is about familiar aspects of work, school, leisure etc., you can manage most situations while travelling in a German-speaking country,
- ... give your opinion on familiar subjects and personal interest in a simple and coherent way,
- ... relate experiences and events, describe dreams, hopes and goals and give short explanations regarding plans and opinions.

- **Level B2: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand the main contents of complex texts on specific or abstract subjects and specialist discussions in your own field of knowledge
- ... communicate so spontaneously and fluently that a normal conversation with native speakers is possible without great effort on both sides,
- ... express yourself on a broad range of topics in a clear and precise way, explain your point of view on a current issue and enumerate advantages and disadvantages of several possibilities.

- **Level C1: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand a broad range of sophisticated longer texts and also acknowledge implied meanings,
- ... express yourself spontaneously and fluently without having to obviously grope for words,
- ... use the language effectively and in a flexible way in your social and professional life or in training and studies,
- ... express yourself clearly, extensively and in a structured manner on complex subjects and use several means of combining text in an adequate manner.

- **Level C2: On completion of this level you will be able to ...**

- ... understand practically everything that you read and hear without any effort
- ... summarize information from different written and oral sources and give explanations on it in a coherent way,
- ... express yourself very spontaneously, very fluently and precisely and make subtle remarks on complex subjects.

We would like our students to be as successful as possible. Therefore, we ask you to do the necessary homework each week. In addition, listen to German radio, watch German shows, watch German TV and German movies. If you need help finding something, talk to us. It is crucial that you review every week's lesson - whether the teacher explicitly says it or not.

For the elementary students and up: Please have a folder where you keep all your work. In order to keep track of your writing progress, we also recommend a notebook.

Our German Team is always there for possible questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Ms. Laura (elementary and up) or Ms. Anne (preschool), should you have any questions.

We are looking forward to a successful semester!

Your German Team

**"Pleasure in the job puts
perfection in the work."
-Aristotle**