

## Dobsuli - 1.k Bilingual Class



My name is Dorka Prinz. After finishing secondary school, I studied French and Art History at the University of Budapest. After spending a year in France on a scholarship, I studied Primary Education and spent another year in London getting my Master's degree. I have been teaching in Dobsuli for four years, mainly English and English civilisation, but have also taught Hungarian Literature and Grammar. As a class teacher, I have been facilitating the personal and educational development of twenty-four students and supporting the life of a multicultural community for three years. In addition, I have been working with the Student Council because I believe that it is essential that students learn to stand up for themselves and work for their community.

I have been working with children for ten years. I volunteered in camps as a secondary school student and later I worked with underprivileged children and children with serious illnesses. In addition to my university studies, the experiences I gained through these programs and camps have been the foundation of my teaching practice.

I believe in the power of games and creating: they build community, develop creativity, problem-solving skills, self-knowledge and much more. Therefore, the core of my lessons is playing and creating, in English lessons as well as in Hungarian classes. In order to make this approach work, together with the children we create a safe environment where everyone has the right to ask questions, make mistakes, and come up with their own ideas and solutions.

My goal is for my students to be proficient at Reading, Writing, and Maths, but also to speak English confidently by the end of the fourth year. I find it even more important to provide a solid basis for students to *learn to learn*, think, and express their opinion. Children should be open to the world and to each other, accept themselves and their peers, take care of their immediate and wider environment. As a primary school teacher, my role is not to impart knowledge but to create an environment in which children can discover the world.

I am looking forward to meeting the new first graders.

