

## Daycare and preschool Westerdok



### Welcome at daycare and preschool Westerdok

We offer a Montessori inspired daycare for children from 0 till 4 years old. We are located on the Westerdokeiland with a great view over the canal and houseboats. We have a fresh and firm style and are colored like the Dutch flag in red, white and blue. The large windows gives the building a light and transparent look. Most children of our daycare live on the Westerdokeiland in one of the buildings or the houseboats. We have four groups: Narcis, Klapproos Tulp and Hyacint.

### Preschool

Westerdok is a nursery for babies and a preschool for toddlers. The preschool method Kaleidoskoop educates children in development (language, early math skills, social emotional development and motor skills). Preschool starts when the child is 2,5 years old and is implemented in our daily program. The method of preschool is 'Kaleidoscoop'. This is based on the American High Scope education. The activities through our preschool program helps children to prepare for elementary school.

### Montessori inspired

Most activities are built on the Montessori pedagogic and creativity. An important premise of the Montessori method is the individual, intellectual and emotional development of each child in his or her own pace. Therefore, we provide an environment that suits the various stages of development for each child. We help children to become more independent by encouraging them to dress themselves, pour their own milk and spread their own sandwich from the age of 2.

Montessori development material is available in the groups. The Montessori education and care is provided in a homely environment. Instead of typical daycare furniture, we have family tables and chairs. Natural materials are preferred to synthetics or plastics, like real wood, reeds, bamboo, metal and cotton. The pictures on the wall are reality oriented, for instance a lighthouse or sheep in the meadow.

### Activities

When walking in our daycare first thing you will see is the theme showcase. Theme examples are spring, autumn, holidays, family, animals, transportation, colors etc. Theme based activities for toddlers and preschoolers are craft works, songs, stories, free play, food and conversations. Daycare teachers organize also process art activities. Children learn through play and open-ended activities. It allows them the chance to explore the world around them, ask questions, and see how things work. Process art fits in with how children learn because it allows them to be themselves, make their own decisions, and just create! Students from the Amsterdam Conservatorium are invited in our daycare to play music for the children. Art Projects are given by our art teacher. Art lessons are about experience and exploring new materials. Photos will be showed on the groups afterwards.

Our vision is it should be fun and inspiring for children. Important fine motor skills like scissor skills, painting, drawing with a crayon and cutting practice are acquired. The children play outside on the playground nearly every day. The playground includes two sandboxes, bicycles, a slide, footballs, space hoppers, a wheelbarrow and a garden with flowers and vegetables. There is also a tree trunk water object made by one of the team members of daycare Westerdok.



### **Healthy food**

The children of our daycare enjoy fresh fruits, fresh raw foods, salads, organic bread, and organic milk. The certificated cook makes every other week, for 5 days, a delicious warm lunch, using as many organic products as possible.

### **A highly talented and solid team**

Our regular and solid team has 12 day care and preschool teachers, a manager and a cook. Students of relevant pedagogic schools who are in training complete our team. A number of the team members have an academy degree in pedagogy, psychology and fashion academy. Every unique talent is used in a creative way to fulfill the needs of the children.

Our team is solid and therefore we hardly use substitutes outside our day care. Children and parents will see familiar faces in the groups. The manager is very involved and experienced for years, knows all children by name and stays in touch with parents.

### **Transparent**

Parents are informed through monthly newsletters, about activities at the daycare, news about employees and parents' committee. The newsletter has photos and we send photos from WhatsApp.

And of course, if applicable, information from IJsterk childcare. Daycare Westerdok is part of the IJsterk organization.

### **Questions? Tour at Westerdok day care?**

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### **Opening hours**

Monday until Friday: 8.00 am until 6.30 pm

