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De Zoeker

A strong start for your child!

Public primary school De Zoeker provides education that stimulates curiosity, builds self-confidence, and prepares children for the future.

In our kindergarten classes, the joy of learning is at the heart of everything we do. Children learn in a safe and nurturing environment where they can be themselves, play, discover, and explore. Every day, we work together to build a strong foundation for your child's development.



What can your child already do independently?

Children can start primary school when they turn four years old. It is important that your child is already able to do a number of things independently. At De Zoeker, we expect children to:

- be toilet trained and use the toilet independently,
- put on and take off their coat and shoes independently,
- change clothes independently for gym class,
- speak clearly enough to be understood,
- understand simple instructions,
- sit calmly on a chair for a short period of time,
- complete a short activity or task,
- play independently as well as together with other children.



Learning and discovering

Your child does not need to be able to read or do maths before starting school. However, it is helpful if your child is curious and interested in colours, shapes, letters, counting, puzzles, and drawing. In Groups 1 and 2, we will continue to develop these skills in a fun and engaging way.



Start of the school day

At De Zoeker, the school day begins in a calm and structured way. These are our agreements:

- Parents say goodbye to their child in the schoolyard.
- Children enter the school independently.
- Children take off their coat and unpack their bag independently.
- The teacher takes time to welcome each child personally.
- Parents can communicate with the teacher through the parent app.
- On Mondays and Fridays, parents may enter the classroom with their child between 8:15 and 8:25 a.m.

Practicing at home

You can prepare your child for primary school at home in a playful and relaxed way. Daily practice can make a big difference!



Learning by doing

Encourage your child to do things independently as much as possible, such as getting dressed, fastening their coat, putting on shoes, packing their bag, going to the toilet, and washing their hands. Give plenty of compliments when your child tries or succeeds in doing things independently.



Talk with your child

Talk to your child throughout the day. Explain what you are doing or seeing, ask questions, name emotions, and read together every day. If you do not speak Dutch at home, speak in your own language. This supports vocabulary growth and strengthens overall language development.



Play together and independently

Give your child time to play quietly on their own. Also enjoy activities together, such as building, doing puzzles, playing games, modelling with clay, drawing, or folding crafts. These activities help children learn to make choices and cooperate with others.

Practice waiting and listening

For example, say: "I'll finish this first, then I'll come to help you."

This teaches your child patience and helps them learn to cope with delayed attention.



Be consistent

Be clear about rules and boundaries. Consistency helps children feel safe and secure. When your child does something wrong, try not to distract them immediately. Instead, calmly explain why certain behaviour is not allowed. This helps children understand rules and agreements.



Learning is everywhere

Count the steps on the stairs, sort stuffed animals from big to small, name the colours of cars, recognize letters on street signs, make rhymes, or sing songs about things you see along the way. Learning happens everywhere and every day!





You are very welcome

Would you like to know if De Zoeker is the right school for your child? We would be delighted to welcome you for a visit. Please call, email, or visit our website to schedule a tour.



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