

## **Social Goals for E4**

For children at this age (12/13), there is an increasing awareness of self, and the world around them. They have entered puberty, which means the search for their own identity in the various "worlds" in which they inhabit: school, home, community, Denmark and the international aspects of their lives. The primary social goal of E4 is to support and guide them through an exciting, and often turbulent, period in their lives, as their relationships and interactions with peers, teachers, family and others have become an integral part of their lives. Throughout the school year E4 will participate in activities with the Danish classes that correspond to their grade level. The following are a variety of activities, projects, forums for self-expression, and shared experiences designed to help support and aid your child's social and emotional development.

- · Class discussions/meetings
- · Monthly social events planned by children
- · Puberty Project
- · E1/E4 partner classes
- · Fællestid (class play)
- · Parent/child/school social functions
- · Camp School
- · Birthday Parties
- · Visit from SSP police officer
- · Student Council
- · Student/ teacher consultations with class teacher
- · Pair Work/Group Work
- · Theme Weeks

### **Class discussions/ meetings**

The children will have class meetings on a weekly basis. There are two student representatives that will report back to the class after each student council meeting. The class meetings are used to discuss any issues/decisions that are necessary to make in regards to initiatives that have been proposed by the student council. These meetings are also used to discuss academic and social issues that might be causing problems at any given time.

### **Social events**

During the course of a school year the children will have all kinds of social events: from the annual movie and pizza party, to trips where we will go ice skating, bowling, the Buster Film Festival for children, enjoy a meal together groups, and a camp school trip to Bornholm . Certain social events are planned by the class teacher and some social events require parental involvement. It is often the case that classes with a parent group that actively plans and participates in social events leads to positive group dynamics and a good social atmosphere within the class. The children will also be involved in a foreign exchange week with another school in Europe.

### **Academics, interdisciplinary subjects, and a good work ethic**

In E4 X lessons will often be used to unite the class together and to create a strong sense of community within the class. In 6th grade the children will have either French or German. X lessons are used for social studies, history, and language arts. The children will definitely notice a progression in the amount of homework they will have to complete in E4. Therefore, it is fundamental that each child needs to develop good study habits. The children will also experience that the individual based assignments will transition into more problem-oriented project work, which often takes place in groups. This is a long and gradual process, where the demands on the children will steadily increase.

### **Farm Work Practice**

Bernadotte School is a school with a wide variety of work experiences. In E4 the children will be sent on a farm work practice. The farm work practice is for the 7th graders. The children will experience a variety of aspects connected with the variety of work that goes into farming. The working conditions can be quite demanding: up early, hard manual labor, and these aspects alone can be quite the experience for some children. The children will learn about the history of agriculture and farming in Denmark. They will be introduced to terms like organic farming, sustainability, and animal welfare. Last but not least, the children will attain knowledge about the products they buy in the grocery store and where the products actually come from.