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**GERMAN AMERICAN**  
**School of Portland**

## **DaF**

DaF, or German as a Foreign Language, offers small group language support for children of all grade levels. At each grade level, building vocabulary is the main goal.

### **Language Learning**

We approach language learning in a structured way through:

- Games
- Songs
- Finger Play
- Puppetry
- Drawing
- telling stories and sequencing

### **Vocabulary**

Vocabulary is limited to a certain number of words and expands upon words introduced in their homeroom. Once they have a solid vocabulary, pronunciation and article or conjugations become a focus.

### **Proficiency**

Where appropriate these vocabulary words will be practiced in different settings (games, songs, etc.) until student has full command of these new words. As students become more proficient, sentence structure and grammatical phenomena are practiced.