



WELCOME TO THE GWA NURSERY

Your child's first step towards an IB continuum education







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My son wakes up every morning super excited to go to GWA nursery. We arrived in January and since then, he has gained so much confidence and made good friends. I could not be more satisfied.

Parent of Ferruccio Cerofolini 3.7 years

The GEMS World Academy - Dubai (GWA) Nursery offers a warm, happy, and nurturing environment for your child's crucial formative years. Research has shown that students who attend early learning programmes demonstrate improved social skills, higher levels of school achievement, and enhanced attention spans.

We offer a Reggio Emilia inspired programme for students aged between 2 and 3 years, leading into an IB programme from age 3. The nursery is located within our Early Childhood spaces, with full facilities specifically designed for early learners to experience a small school within a big school. The GWA Nursery enriches each child's social, emotional, physical, communicative, and cognitive needs. Our teachers are IB trained and have 22 years of combined nursery experience. We offer an array of natural space and resources for our students to collaborate and engage in learning activities that stimulate their extensive interests.

At the age of 3, we offer choice. Our nursery is the perfect environment if your child requires diaper changes and support in toilet training. If your child shows a greater level of independence, then they are ready to move into the IB Pre-Kindergarten programme.



As a manager and a teacher, I aim to inspire all students to reach their full potential. A world of learning and discovery through play awaits every child at GEMS World Academy - Dubai.

Louna van der Merwe Nursery Manager

A UNIQUE REGGIO-INSPIRED APPROACH

Natural indoor and outdoor learning environments

We combine a modern British curriculum (EYFS) with an IB and Reggio Emilia inspired approach, creating the best opportunities to play, learn and explore. The Reggio philosophy believes in the rights and opinions of each child, seeing each child as a natural researcher who has the desire and knowledge for life and is always ready for challenges.

EYFS Areas of Learning and Development	GWA Nursery (Age 2 – 3)	IB PYP Pre-K (Age 3 – 4)
Understanding the World Personal-Social-Emotional	September-October	September-October
	Student-driven projects related to self and family	Who We Are: Making caring choices with our body
Expressive Arts & Design Communication & Language Literacy	November-December Student-driven projects related to the Arts	November-December How We Express Ourselves: Using arts to share our ideas and thinking
Understanding the World Physical Development	January-March Student-driven projects related to living things	January-March Sharing the Planet: Caring for living things
Literacy Communication & Language	April Student-driven projects related to Literacy.	May The Adventures of Storytelling: Retelling stories/ World Book Day
Understanding the World Expressive Arts & Design Mathematics	May-June	May-June
	Student-driven projects	How the World Works:
	related to construction and design	Explore how materials work and what they do



I love the play-based nature of the curriculum, with an emphasis on imaginative play, planning and teamwork. We have witnessed massive and

Parent of Vivaan Labhshetwar 3.8 years

exponential development in our son.



ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Learning beyond the classroom

Each week, your child will attend a 40-minute session with a specialist teacher covering:

Art
Learn about different colours, mixing colours,
different textures, and mark making tools.

Music

Introducing the students to new musical instruments to explore rhythm.

- Tambourine
- Shakers
- Lollipop Drum
- Bells

Stories and literature

Listening to a variety of stories and learning how to handle books carefully to improve language skills, boost memory, foster imagination, engage creative thinking, encourage reading and writing, and develop cultural understanding.

PE

Learn motor skills including catching, throwing, and balancing

Dance

From turning and jumping to carefully controlling the movement of hands and fingers, dance engages all aspects of a child's physical development. Dancing also awakens the inner creativity in all students, allowing them to hear a piece of music and decide how their body can best respond to it.

After school enrichment

The learning continues after school with Zumba classes, baking classes and messy play.

PREPARING FOR BIG SCHOOL

We offer timings and fees for all families

AED 41,200 (5 days per week)

AED 36,050 (4 days per week)

AED 28,840 (3 days per week)

AED 24,720 (2 days per week)

Assessment Fee: AED 525 (Non-Refundable)

Admission Fee: AED 4,000 (To secure seat after acceptance, this will be adjustable against first term fees)

Monday – Thursday:

8:00am - 1:15pm

(All students are enrolled into the extended day option until 3pm at no additional cost)

Friday:

7:30am – 12pm Bus Service at 7am and 3pm

and learned so much, particularly since she didn't speak English well.
Parent of Amalia Lea Field

2.1 Years



Amalia has been absolutely thriving since she joined GWA Nursery. She's developed



SETTLING AND TRANSITION

Home away from home

Each class has a Teacher and two Teaching Assistants throughout the year.

For the first two weeks, there will be no formal planning. The focus is to help students transition

into Nursery and support them with settling into their new class routine.

We encourage early pick up in the first week while they build confidence in separating from parents and carers.







