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**1<sup>st</sup> day of our stay (Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019)**

On the first day of our stay, we were welcomed and we introduced ourselves to the school. First had a guided walk around the school area and all its buildings, including the gym, where we attended a lesson in physical education. The idea of the "agrupamento" as a combine of different school types cooperating closely within one big neighborhood enables kids to stay within one and the same class during their school career. This might also contribute to the impression of a relaxed atmosphere at school. We watched a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders, including a physically disabled boy, who but took part in the regular lesson. Since the kids had been knowing each other from 1<sup>st</sup> grade on, all were not only well trained but also quiet eager to support him, without "wrapping him in cotton wool". All of the kids visibly enjoyed the lesson.

Next, we attended an English class. The room was rather meagerly technically equipped. Different from the German practice of working on copies, the kids wrote into their folders. The lesson were mainly set up the "chalk and talk"-way, in which the vast majority of kids attentively followed. Later we saw a craft-work class, where the kids prepared big and beautiful paper flower laces for the upcoming sping-festival. Here, the physically handicapped boy also was assisted by one of his fellow students in class. All of this made a very relaxed and enjoyable impression. The kids were in good mood. They nicely and curiously asked us question and were open to make contact. Since the big majority of kids from abroad comes from former Portuguese colonies or formerly associated territories like Brazil and the Capverdes, the language boundary is comparably little of a problem. Also the many Romanian kids are facing relatively little difficulties learning Portuguese, since their mother tongue is a Romance language as well.

In the afternoon, we met a group of teachers in the cafeteria of the school. We had a vivid and enlightening debate about the work as teachers here and there. Filled with the most interesting impressions, we went back to the place of stay to relax and prepare for the next day at school.