Grade 4 & 5 Alles Klar October - December

In this unit, students build practical, everyday German speaking and listening skills while beginning to recognize key written words and simple text as part of their developing literacy. Learning focuses on interactive oral communication, seasonal vocabulary, and recognizing written prompts—allowing students to follow live storytelling, read simple signs at market stalls, and actively engage in seasonal community outings.

Central Idea

We can use simple German to appreciate traditional stories and participate in seasonal activities in our local community.

Communicative Goals

Students use practical German phrases, basic reading skills, and interactive language to initiate interactions at seasonal events, navigate local markets, and follow cultural performances like live German fairytales.

Functional Language for Listening and Speaking

Learning emphasizes spoken and receptive language through role-play, games, and short written prompts. Students practice recognizing written character names and signs, asking for prices (*"Was kostet...?"*), making polite purchases (*"Ich hätte gerne..."*), recognizing repeating fairytale motifs, and sharing their opinions on seasonal treats.

Daily Phrases Students Can Use Immediately	Important Basic Vocabulary
At the Market & Shop: *Was kostet...?*, *Ich hätte gerne...*, *Das macht ... Euro, bitte.*, *Danke schön!*, *Tschüss!* **Fairytale & Discussion:** *Wer ist das?*, *Das ist der/die...*, *Ich mag...*, *Das schmeckt gut!*	***Fairytale Characters & Motifs (Recognizing Written Words):*** *der Müller, die Müllerstochter, der König, das Männchen, das Schloss, das Spinnrad* ***Market & Shopping:*** *der Apfel, der Kinderpunsch, der Lebkuchen, kaufen, bezahlen, kostet, Euro* ***Review & Descriptive Words:*** *Numbers 1–50, colors, groß, klein, schön, gut*

Supporting Learning at Home

Explore Christmas Markets: Visit a local *Weihnachtsmarkt* together to spot item signs and practice asking *"Was kostet...?"* or ordering with *"Ich hät Gte gerne..."*.

Connect Stories at Home: Read fairytales in your native language and invite your child to point out German character names or words they recognize from class.

Routine Store Practice: Encourage your child to read prices on grocery store items and use polite German greetings with shopkeepers.

Cultural Touchpoint

Seasonal Traditions and Public Markets as Community Gathering Spaces

In German culture, winter markets and seasonal fairytales are central cultural traditions that bring communities together. Students explore how local customs, seasonal foods, and respectful public shopping etiquette help everyone participate in shared community celebrations.