

Viva el Español Preschool Philosophy

The Viva el Español preschool curriculum is designed to spark and maintain children's interest in Spanish by engaging them in creative age-appropriate activities including music & movement, arts & crafts, interactive games, storytelling, and imaginative play.

Our methodology includes:

- Full-immersion approach
- Multi-sensory curriculum
- Learning through fun and creative activities
- Small class sizes
- Differentiated instruction
- Focus on mastery of preschool skills, with emphasis on language development



★ *Full-Immersion Approach*

Through our total immersion approach, children learn the Spanish language naturally and easily – as they learned their first language. The immersion approach to teaching a second language maximizes the time students get to practice the language they are learning without being slowed down by having to translate what they hear and speak. The central characteristic of immersion is the teaching of language, content, and culture without the use of the student's first language.

★ *Multi-Sensory Curriculum*

Research suggests that the richer a child's environment, the more neural connections the brain will create. The lessons at Viva el Español are rich and varied, and use a multi-sensory approach to ensure that children absorb and remember the words and phrases they are hearing and repeating. During each theme, vocabulary and phrases are presented using music, movement, art, games, cooking activities and more – thereby reinforcing the target vocabulary and appealing to children with different learning styles.



★ *Learning Through Fun and Creative Activities*

Viva el Español is a center built on the philosophy that play is a child's work. We believe children learn, develop and grow by doing, interacting, playing and expressing. As such, our programs are structured to make fun and creative activities part of an educational process that targets effective language acquisition. We give them the opportunity to hear, speak, create and move while using Spanish.



★ *Small Class Sizes*

Because of our small class sizes, each child's needs are taken into account from an emotional, intellectual and social standpoint. Our teachers use a very hands-on approach, and are able to give personal attention to each child. This allows for their language development to progress at a unique pace in a caring and stimulating environment, all while having fun!

★ *Differentiated Instruction*

The Viva el Español curriculum includes a variety of materials and teaching methodologies that allow all students within a single classroom to learn effectively, and reach their full potential regardless of differences in language proficiency. For example, while one group of students might be learning individual words, more proficient students might be practicing putting these words into phrases and complete sentences.

★ *Mastering Preschool Skills*

At Viva el Español children learn the Spanish language – while simultaneously mastering skills that are important for the development of the preschool child. As a language school, our emphasis is in the area of Language Development, but many of our activities involve use of skills in the other three areas as well:

- Social/Emotional Development (sense of self, responsibility for self & others, managing and expressing emotions)
- Physical Development (gross motor, fine motor)
- Cognitive Development (learning & problem solving, logical thinking, representation & symbolic thinking, memory skills)
- Language Development (listening & speaking, reading & writing)

**Flexible Scheduling - You pick which days
and how many, according to your family's needs!**

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Extended Preschool Daily Schedule

Monday – Friday (3-5 year olds)

Our preschool program has been carefully planned to give our students rich and varied learning experiences.

9:30 – 9:40 am	Circle Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome songs & movement • Theme of the week introduced/reviewed • Daily vocabulary: introduction, syllabication (pre-reading), pronunciation
9:40 – 9:50 am	Story Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story related to the theme of the week
9:50 – 10:15 am	Arts & Crafts / Interactive Games / Imaginative Play / Cooking Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects, games, pretend play, cooking activities featuring the theme of the week
10:15 – 10:20 am	Circle Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review vocabulary relating to theme of the week • Goodbye song for Pre-K 1 hour students
10:20 – 10:35 am	Snack Time!
10:35 – 10:45 am	Active Play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercises, movement activities
10:45 – 11:15 am	Arts & Crafts / Interactive Games / Imaginative Play / Cooking Projects / Math & Counting Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects, games, pretend play, cooking activities featuring the theme of the week • Review daily and weekly vocabulary
11:15 – 11:20 am	Closing Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cooperative group cleanup, sharing experiences and goodbye song



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