



New Dimensions Learning Center New Program

"play español"^(sm) is excited to expand its program at New Dimensions Learning Center with new weekly sessions designed especially for younger children, ages 2-3, starting in September. Children in this age group will be exposed to Spanish through storytelling and songs, with a stronger focus on music and movement. Focus will be on comprehensible input first, while developing the confidence and natural ability to produce Spanish, all through playful activities.

We'll continue to offer weekly sessions to children ages 4 and above. The separate sessions allow for a more customized delivery approach through age-appropriate games and stories. With the two separate sessions focused on each age group, children now have the opportunity of developing their Spanish skills even faster. Activities include simple crafts, "taste tests," guessing games, dramatic play, and storytelling.

| Age | Sessions | Rate |
|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2-4 years | 20 minutes per week | \$20 per month |
| 4-6 years | 35-40 minutes per week | \$37 per month |

New program includes two separate age groups as follows:

2-4 years (20 minutes)

Younger children will be exposed to Spanish through a combination of storytelling and related songs, with a stronger focus on music and movement. Focus will be on comprehensible input first, while developing the confidence and natural ability to produce Spanish.

4-7 years (35-40 minutes)

Children in this age group have continue to develop conversational Spanish through games and stories that use repetitive vocabulary. Children are also able to complete simple commands and put together phrases through a mix and match approach.

Information for new families:

"play español" uses elements of the TPR (Total Physical Response) curriculum to involve most of the senses in the learning process. Through the use of characters in short stories, puppets, songs, and games, children become engaged in weekly activities. Parents receive updates and tools to practice at home for a more natural learning experience and longer retention.

The program specializes in conversational Spanish – practical phrases your child can understand and use regularly. We give children tools to mix and match vocabulary and create usable phrases. Benefits include continuity of material presented from week to week with a clear progression in mind. In addition to the obvious benefits, studies show that children who are exposed to a second language early in life display an increased ability to excel in other academic areas.

The "play español" goals include:

- Exposing children to a new language in fun and memorable ways to make language acquisition a positive experience each child will embrace for life.
- Helping children become better listeners and have greater self-confidence/self-esteem by celebrating their successes in completing "play español" activities.
- Establishing a partnership with parents – the teacher serves as a Spanish coach for families, giving frequent updates to parents and suggesting activities the whole family can do at home.

Weekly sessions will be offered on Thursdays at 3/3:30 p.m. The session is limited to the first 10 children who sign up (a waiting list will be started for a second group if there's enough interest). Register at the school office or send an e-mail to Sra. B at senora_b@hotmail.com with your child's name, age, and teacher. Make reference to "NDLC Spanish" in the subject line. And be sure not to mention to your child that he or she will be taking Spanish lessons to "learn" Spanish. We "play español" – the learning is just a bonus.

Enhanced features for NDLC “play español” program:

- frequent facebook updates
- phrase of the week (informal message sent to parents in child’s folder/bag)
- e-mail messages to parents
- information posted on school website (www.newdimensionslearning.com)
- links to “play español” schoolnotes page
- school bulletin board messages
- monthly newsletters (paper)
- “play español” registration forms to be included in registration packet for new NDLC students
- free trial “pull out” program for prospective students (invite a friend day) with letter to parents

Registration and Agreement

Child’s Name and Age _____

Parent’s Name(s) _____

Phone numbers _____

Home Address _____

E-mail Address _____

I understand:

- the fee for “play español” is according to the table listed below. (Circle preferred choice for 4 yrs)
- There is a one-time \$10 registration fee/ child, which should be included with first payment.
- All payments should be made payable to **Beatrice Velez**.
- Payments are due the first lesson of the month
- Payments are not refundable.

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I understand that “play español” will observe the Duval County Schools’ schedule and holidays and will not meet for lessons when Duval County Public Schools are closed.

I understand that “play español” uses a parent-teacher partnership approach and that parents are expected to review online updates provided by instructor and ensure child regularly completes activities and practices/uses new vocabulary at home.

While children are under close supervision during the entire session, accidents may occur at any time. I understand that the instructor will not be held responsible for any accidents or injuries that may happen during a “play español” session.

Please indicate if the instructor has permission to take photos of your child during class to share with parents or for press releases and if the instructor may occasionally offer soft candy and/or chocolate as a reward to your child. Please initial the following blanks accordingly.

Yes to photos? _____ No to photos? _____

Yes to candy? _____ No to candy? _____

Does your child have any allergies? _____

I have read and agree with the above statements.

Parent or Guardian

Date