



Spanish Immersion Preschool and Afterschool Classes

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About/History

Lengua Viva means "Lively, vibrant language" and was started in 2004 by local Truckee teachers as a center for learning languages for children and adults. We have successfully been running programs ever since. Over 300 students have studied Spanish, French, Italian, and Mandarin at the school.

Currently, Lengua Viva proprietors Gaby and Conrad Delgadillo offer Spanish Immersion preschool classes as well as after-school Spanish classes for children in grade levels K-1. Our goal is to expose students to a real and diverse language experience. Children will acquire age-level appropriate content that involves the arts, music, literature, movement, science, and math. Each day is conducted in the target language-Spanish! For many students, this will be the beginning of an exciting and rewarding journey toward becoming fluent in a second language.

Mission/Goals

Building bridges through language.

Our teachers believe that learning another language expands opportunities, strengthens relationships, and builds a more connected community. Our language programs are designed to foster a creative, safe, and inviting environment where children can learn a second language while having fun! This environment promotes a natural learning process of the target language which is much like the way children acquire their native language. Children will be immersed in the target language (95% of the day), without feeling pressure to perform verbally in the language.

An important goal is preparing our pre-k's to be ready for their next big step, kindergarten, while creating a solid foundation and positive experience for learning Spanish. We are constantly refining and adding to our curriculum which is based on current pre-school and school readiness guidelines.

Another goal is to jumpstart all of our students onto the exciting and rewarding path of bilingualism and begin to communicate with people of other cultures in our community.

Overview:

We offer a Spanish immersion preschool program for children ages 3 to 5 years old. Full or half day program options are available four days a week. All instruction and teacher-student interactions are conducted in Spanish.

Our main goal is to educate the whole child, with careful attention paid to the social and emotional development of each child. Our preschool program incorporates music, cooking, meaningful exploration and self-directed, hands-on learning. The day's schedule is balanced between age-appropriate group and individual activities to meet each child's unique development abilities, build positive attitudes towards education and enhance self esteem - all in a safe and caring environment!

Communication:

We recognize that school develops a sense of community for all participants and involves parents and families as partners in the education of young children. Therefore, we place great importance on communicating well with parents and encouraging active participation in their child's learning. Careful attention is also placed on fostering positive interactions with peers and teachers.

Periodically, we provide a monthly newsletter that includes an overview of the upcoming month's activities, related vocabulary and important notices.

Benefits

Children who learn a second language at an early age.....

- enrich and enhance their mental development
- develop more flexibility in thinking and are better at solving complex problems
- have an improved understanding of their native language
- have the ability to communicate with people they would otherwise not have the chance to know
- develop an understanding and appreciation of people from other countries
- gain greater self-confidence as they communicate in another language

- develop a more native-like pronunciation
- "can also master reading faster" (American Psychological Association)
- may have a higher level of success in other studies, particularly English and math.

Hours and Fees:

Lengua Viva is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30- 4:30 PM. Full days are 8:30-4:30 and half days are 8:30-12:30 PM. Pick-up no later than 12:30.

2 full days- \$100 per week	2 half days- \$68
3 full days- \$150 per week	3 half days- \$102
4 full days- \$200 per week	4 half days- \$136

We recommend a minimum of two days (full or half) in our Spanish Immersion class. The second day ensures that students get adequate time to practice and repeat concepts and target vocabulary. We will fill those spaces first; if your schedule will only allow for one day at Lengua Viva per week, please check with me for availability.

Typical daily schedule:

- 8:30-9:00 : Free play, students choose from variety of activities
- 9:00-9:30 : Hands-on science activity
- 9:30-10:00 : Circle time
- 10:00-10:30 : Snack
- 10:30-10:45 : Free reading
- 10:45-11:30 : Group activities
- 11:30-12:00 : Recess / P.E.
- 12:00-12:30 : Lunch (Half day children pick up)
- 12:30-1:00 : Story time
- 1:00-2:00 : *Rotating weekly activity
- 2:00-3:00 : Time to rest/sleep
- 3:00-3:30 : Second snack
- 3:30-4:10 : Second Recess
- 4:10-4:30 : Circle time/good bye

* Rotating weekly activities are cooking, dance (Zumba), special art project, yoga
Parents are encouraged to share a weekly activity, we can help translate it into Spanish.

Daily Activities:

In preschool, children gain many experiences in the classroom for the first time such as following group directions, socializing with peers and building a positive attitudes towards education. Our supportive classroom setting and curriculum strives toward building these skills.

Each month we have a different theme around which daily activities and concepts are built. Daily concepts and activities and contain some or all of the following:

- Math and Science
- Arts and Crafts
- Reading, Writing and Literacy
- Music and Play
- Outdoor Exploration
- Food and Cooking
- Communication

Teachers

Owner Gabriela Delgadillo- I am from Jalisco, Mexico. I came to the USA about 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago and moved to Truckee. I started working at Lengua Viva in 2007 as an assistant teacher. After two years, I became the head teacher and when the opportunity presented itself to take over the business, my husband and I didn't hesitate. I have been teaching Spanish to children and adults for almost 5 years now. I love working with children of all ages. I learn from them and I like to share the Spanish language and Mexican culture. I have one daughter, Amy who is in the Spanish Immersion Program at Kings Beach Elementary and a three year boy, Conrad who is in our pre-school program. I believe that speaking both Spanish and English is very important, especially in California, and it gives you more opportunities to interact with other cultures and know more people in your community.

My husband and I are both CPR certified and are licensed in the State of California to operate a Family Day Care Home. Our Facility License # is 293616938.

Owner Conrad Delgadillo- My wife and I moved to Truckee over 9 years ago and I started working in construction. In Mexico I taught physical education for elementary and middle school students and coached soccer and volleyball. I also taught Balet Folklorico. I love working with children and am excited to share my passion for movement and dance with all of our students.

Health Check

Before bringing your child to school, please do a health check at home.

Your child will be much happier at home if he/she feels ill. Please keep your child home if she/he shows any of the following symptoms:

- a fever of 100° or more
- a green or yellow runny nose
- is coughing or sneezing excessively
- has been ill for less than 24 hours

If your child becomes ill during the course of our day, you will be notified immediately. Please be considerate of the other children and be prepared to pick him/her up as soon as possible.

Personal Property

Mark all your children's property with a permanent pen. There is a "Lost and Found" container @ Lengua Viva where we will keep forgotten items for 2 weeks and then donate unclaimed items to the TFH Hospice.

What To Bring To Class Each Day

Children bring a lunch and water bottle. We appreciate parents not including treats that contain excessive sugar. Lengua Viva provides nutritious snacks throughout the day but **ask that parents donate one nutritious snack per month**, please see sign-up sheet at the sign-in table. Please make sure children come dressed appropriately for outside play for all seasons! We also appreciate children leaving their favorite toys at home.

Attendance

Illnesses: Parents are required to call if their child will not be in class due to illness.

The only make-up days are Tahoe Truckee Unified School District snow days that will be added on at the end of the session. We follow the same holiday schedule as Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD).

If a program doesn't obtain the required number of sign-ups by the registration deadline, the class will be cancelled and a full refund will be given.

Refund Policy

Tuition is non-refundable; once tuition has been collected each month, we have contracted with teachers based on enrollment. If a schedule change occurs mid-month, we will adjust tuition accordingly the next month.

We are not able to give refunds for vacation days. In the event of an extreme personal emergency, we will try to accommodate families and issue a credit for classes missed. Our Spanish Immersion classes are self-supporting and we count on the fees to pay for teachers and supplies.

Late Fees (child pick-up & tuition)

- Classes begin at 8:30 am. On time drop-off is appreciated and important! Children need that time in the morning to get settled in and play before the day begins. If you need an early drop-off, please arrange it with one of the teachers, an additional fee may apply.
- Class ends at 12:30 and 4:30 PM. Parents unable to pick up their children on time may call Lengua Viva and warn they will be late. In the event of a recurrent late pick-up, a "late" fee may apply as follows: for every 10 minutes late the parent will be charged a \$5 late fee. If you need to arrange for late pickup on a regular basis, please arrange with one of the teachers beforehand.
- Tuition is \$34 per day based on 8:30 AM-12:30 PM and \$50 based on days 8:30-4:30 PM and is due on the 1st of every month (unless stated otherwise). After the 5th, a \$25 charge will be assessed.

Drop-ins

Drop-in arrangements must be made directly with Lengua Viva staff and may be accommodated on a space available basis only. We recommend calling at least the day before. **Fees** for drop-ins are based on the day-fee basis.

Discipline Code

Lengua Viva does not tolerate violent or aggressive behavior toward teachers or other students.

- Warning (yellow)- parent conversation
- 2nd warning (red)- parent conference and possible Behavior Contract signed by director, teacher and parent
- Multiple reds may result in expulsion from Lengua Viva.

Toilet Training

Children must be toilet-trained, no diapers or pull-ups.

Parent Involvement

We have an "Open Door Policy." Parents are encouraged to observe and are welcomed to stay for the first 10-15 minutes of class.

If a parent would like to observe an entire class or a specific time of the class, we ask that he or she let us know ahead of time so that the teachers know to expect you. For the last 10-15 minutes of class, parents are also welcome to observe and interact with his or her child. We appreciate all of your feedback; please let us know what you think about our curriculum/schedule.

Parents are encouraged to share a weekly activity, we can help translate it into Spanish.

Donations

This year, we request that parents donate one nutritious snack per month. Please see the list of snacks regularly used on the sign-in table. We appreciate this donation and it will help keep costs down! We also accept items that benefit our children's programs such as winter clothing, toys, and books in Spanish. Outside play equipment and toys are also appreciated!