



Bilingual Learning Centers

OUR MISSION

“To provide the most innovative, quality bilingual educational programs”

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Bambinos Bilingual Learning Center, we believe your child is a unique individual. We provide a safe, loving, nurturing and creative bilingual environment. We are sensitive to their social, emotional, intellectual and physical needs. We provide developmentally appropriate programs that focus on the process of learning while also helping them to enjoy many other successful experiences.

“We encourage learning and the love of learning”

OUR PRINCIPLES

- Quality educational programs
- Highly qualified staff
- Low student to teacher ratio
- Custom designed facilities
- Flexible schedules for working parents
- Diversity

A FAMILY CENTER

At Bambinos we recognize that a child comes to us as a member of a family. We interact with parents about curriculum, care giving practices, developmental milestones and cultural events at the center. We welcome the participation of parents in the center and invite community participation in our programs.

COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Our early education facilities are much more than places where parents leave children for care, our facilities are dynamic learning environments in which children flourish. Our curriculum is a comprehensive bilingual program that emphasizes the importance of active learning, language, and the role of teachers as mentors and facilitators.

We are committed to creating child care and early education programs that meet the standards of excellence set by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our goal is to provide a safe, well-structured and age appropriate environment that will enable your child to feel free to create new things and explore a world full of different flavors, textures, images and sounds. At the

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same time we offer a warm and nurturing environment that will help your child build trusting and affectionate relationships with their peers and their community.

From infants to school age children, our education programs foster the skills necessary for your child to succeed at both school and life. Our program is structured with time to learn and play. Each day is filled with art, music, dramatic play, games and other fun activities. Our caring teachers present your child with new experiences in many different learning areas. Children learn about science, music and art through hands-on projects and themed activities.

Our guiding principle is to help your child master the skills needed to succeed in school and life, including a strong sense of play. Whether you are looking for a nurturing start for your infant or toddler, a pre-school or kindergarten, or an engaging after-school experience, you will find a well-rounded program here.

Our Bilingual and Immersion Preschool Programs are the heart of our early childhood program. With a proven, step-by-step curriculum, we build the necessary skills for your child to become successful in a second language.

OUR STAFF

At Bambinos we have amazing and well-qualified staff. Each classroom has a bilingual team of teachers. Our Head Teachers have college education in early childhood and our assistant teachers must have previous experiences working with children. One of the teachers will have Spanish as their first language and the other will have English.

We want to ensure that the children experience both languages with a natural accent.

Our staff is required to complete the following list of trainings and/or certifications in order to be employed at Bambinos:

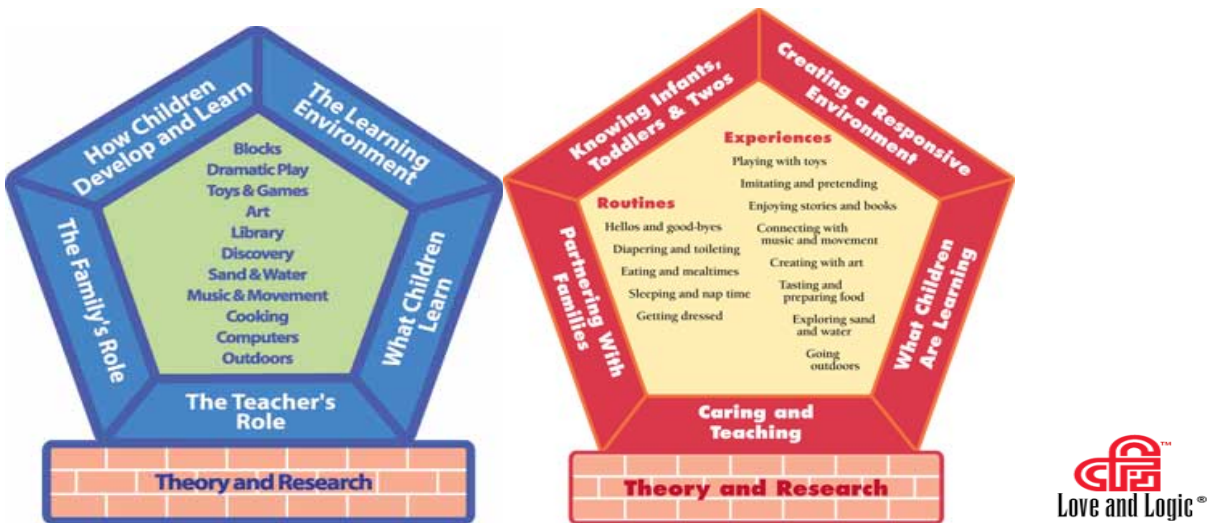
- Pediatric First Aid and CPR
- State Food Handlers Certification
- Blood Borne Pathogens training
- Negative Tuberculosis (TB) test
- Criminal Background Check

OUR PROGRAMS

As parents ourselves, we understand that choosing an early childhood program that you are comfortable with can be a difficult task. We would like to take a moment to assure you that it is extremely important to us that you and your child are satisfied with our services.

It is also very important that your child feels loved and respected while at our center, and at the same time understands that there are rules established for his/her safety and for the well being of all the children at the center. In addition, children are encouraged to be respectful to their peers in each classroom.

Our programs are based on the "Creative Curriculum." Knowing how children develop and learn is the basis of planning our program, selecting materials, and guiding children's learning. The Creative Curriculum enhances social/emotional, physical, cognitive and language development. The learning environment is the structure of the classroom that sets the context for teaching and learning.



Our discipline method is based on the "Love and Logic" curriculum.

Love and Logic is a philosophy founded by Jim Fay and Foster W. Cline, M.D., and is based on the experience of a combined total of over 75 years working with and raising kids. It provides simple and practical techniques to help teachers and parents have less stress and more fun while raising responsible kids. Love and Logic offers many useful techniques that teachers and parents can begin experimenting with immediately. Here are some examples:

- Locking-in sadness or empathy before delivering consequences
- Setting limits with enforceable statements
- Sharing control through lots of small choices
- Building relationships with the One Sentence Intervention
- Neutralizing arguing with the Brain Dead technique
- The Anticipatory Consequence

Love and Logic is easy to use, raises responsible kids, and changes lives.

INFANTS

Your baby is **UNIQUE**. We do not expect your child to fit into a rigid schedule. Instead, we will follow your baby's individual needs for feeding, sleeping and playful interaction to mirror your patterns at home. A "Personal Plan" helps us meet your infant's unique needs.

Your baby is also ready to learn, so we have daily activities that will stimulate his/her natural curiosity and healthy development.

Infant Foundations

- Low staff – child ratio
- Flexible, personal daily schedules for each infant
- Age-appropriate toys, games, music
- Stimulating activities and group interactions
- Independent play and exploration
- Encouragement to learn, grow and discover at the child's own pace
- Ages (4 weeks to 12 months)

TODDLERS

Our toddler program introduces your child to a more structured day with stimulating activities, group interaction and the chance to be inquisitive as he/she begins to talk, walk and explore.

Our activities are based on real world experiences.

Toddler Foundations

- Age appropriate toys, games and music
- Nurturing personal care
- Stimulating activities and group interaction
- Independent play and exploration
- Encouragement to learn, grow and discover at their own pace
- Bilingual Environment

Environment

- **Science Area:** Toddlers will discover basic science concepts such a weight, volume, fluidity
- **Block Area:** Toddlers develop fine motor skills and coordination by sorting, grouping and balancing blocks and simple shapes. They also exercise creative thinking and problem solving.
- **Library:** Age appropriate books.
- **Dramatic Play:** By acting out events from their life and pretending, they will explore language and social skills
- **Active Play:** Area indoor soft blocks give toddlers fun ways to practice large muscle control and agility

PRE-SCHOOL

Early Pre-school (3's -4)

Pre-School (4's – 5's)

We offer a Bilingual and an Immersion Pre-school Program

Our preschool programs grow along with your child, teaching essential reading, writing, math, science and social skills in a logical, natural sequence that encourages children to learn step by step.

Monthly themes, weekly topics and daily activities keep the curriculum focused and fun. We complement this learning experience by bringing a Music Teacher, Yoga teacher, art teacher and a Sign Language Teacher on a weekly basis.

Our goal is to have a balance between the nurturing care children received as infants and toddlers and the growing structure and independence that will define their school years.

Foundations

- Nurturing and Learning Balance
- Monthly Themes with weekly focuses support each project
- Children gain confidence, self-esteem and a love of learning.
- Hands on activities teach basic math and science concepts
- Encourage curiosity, self direction and persistence
- Reading readiness programs introduce the alphabet using letterforms, sounds and words

Environment

- Science - Children explore basic science concepts such as weight, volume and fluidity using materials and experiments
- Creative Arts - Children are encouraged to express themselves imaginatively.
- Dramatic Play/Home Living - By acting out the events of their daily lives or their imaginations, children develop language and social skills
- Blocks - Important concepts such as proportion, balance, size, shape and patterns come to life with classic wooden blocks
- Manipulative/Math - From sorting, grouping counting to more advanced math skills, children lay a strong conceptual foundation through hands-on learning
- Language/Library - A quiet place to read or look at picture books encourage language skills for beginning and advanced readers
- Computers - Educational software gives children another fun way to strengthen reading and math skills as they learn computer basics
- Circle Time - Gathering together for stories, songs, music, dance and other learning activities fosters listening, creativity and social development
- Outdoor Play - Learning continues outdoors with nature study and physical and gross motor development.

KINDERGARTEN

Our Kindergarten Program prepares your child to transition to the school years. Reading and writing, math, science and social skills are taught in a logical, natural sequence that encourages children to learn step by step.

Monthly themes, weekly topics and daily activities keep the curriculum focused and fun. We complement this learning experience by bringing a Music Teacher, Yoga teacher, art teacher and a Sign Language Teacher on a weekly basis.

Our goal is to have a balance between the pre-school years and the structure of the coming years.

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SCHOOL -AGE PROGRAMS

We offer before and after-school programs.

Six to twelve years old thrive on challenges, friendships, clubs and responsibilities. They want to discover who they are, pursue their own interest and not be treated like the “little Kids”. Our school age curriculum recognizes the growing physical, intellectual and social competence of school age children. Our experienced teachers are there alongside the children, facilitating, guiding and understanding that learning does not have to take on the tone and texture of a school day. Our afterschool program is first and foremost fun.

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in many of our clubs and also will have the opportunity to participate in community oriented activities.

- Swimming Club
- Art Club
- Science & Math Club
- Drama & Signing Club
- Chess Club

LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Immersion Programs are the heart of our Bilingual Learning Center. With a proven, step-by-step curriculum, we build the necessary skills for your child to become successful in a second language.

Experts agree that “classes taught by the immersion method—where instruction is conducted **solely** in the second language—can help a child to become bilingual. Singing songs and learning to count, doing movement and dance, all in the context of hearing a foreign language—that is the deal” *Nancy Rhodes, director of the Foreign Language Education Division at the Center for Applied Linguistic in Washington, DC.*

- Immersion Toddlers
- Immersion Pre-school
- Immersion School Age
- Private Lessons

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS

As part of our curriculum your child will be exposed to art, music and movement, sign language and yoga on a weekly basis. Your child can also participate in any of our clubs.

- Bowling Club
- Yoga Club
- Swimming Club
- Art Club
- Science Club
- Drama & Signing Club
- Chess Club

PARENT PARTICIPATION

As parents, your participation is essential so that learning can be a happy experience for your child. There are many ways in which parents and relatives can contribute their time. A few examples are helping to prepare dinner for parent meetings, participating in your child's classroom, or volunteering to lead a special activity. If you have a unique talent or special activity that you would like to share please contact us to arrange time in the classrooms. We appreciate and value your participation! Our newsletter includes a schedule of upcoming Parent Meetings.

Parent Advisory Board

We have an advisory board formed by parents and community members. We meet every other month for two hours. Please let us know if you are interested in being part of this board.

OTHER SERVICES

- Bambinos Nannies
- Sitter referral
- Back up care
- Transportation to and from school from our center.
- Private Classes
- Play Groups
- Birthday Parties

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Observed Holidays

New Year's Day
Memorial Day
4th of July
Labor Day
Thanksgiving weekend
December 24th & 25th

Hours of Operation

(may vary in each center)

Full time * Part time & Drop-in Welcome

Bambinos Hood River

(Special schedules could be arrange for groups of 5 or more children)

6:00am – 7:00pm - Monday – Thursday

6:30am – 11:00pm - Friday

9:00am – 6:00pm - Saturdays

Bambinos White Salmon

6:30am – 6:00pm - Monday – Thursday

6:30am – 10:00pm - Friday