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LEPORT LAUNCHES SPANISH IMMERSION MONTESSORI PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

HUNTINGTON BEACH, California, April 25, 2012 – LePort Schools is offering a new [Spanish immersion Montessori preschool](#) program in [Huntington Beach](#). Starting on September 5th, children ages 18 months through kindergarten will be able to learn Spanish naturally, in a full immersion preschool environment.

“We regularly hear from parents who want to give their children the gift of a second language during the preschool years”, says Heike Larson, Vice President of Outreach. “We were surprised to discover that there are no Montessori preschools offering a full immersion program in any language here in Orange County. While there are numerous language immersion schools around the country, particularly in metropolitan areas like the Bay Area and New York City, there are no Montessori language immersion preschools in OC. The Spanish immersion program in our Huntington Beach preschool will fill this obvious need.”

LePort’s Spanish immersion program is integrated into a [Montessori preschool environment](#), which is ideally suited [to foster bilingualism](#). “Our goal is to enable children from English-speaking or mixed-language households to become capable speakers of Spanish, and to equip them with literacy skills in both English and Spanish during their preschool years”, explains Ray Girn, CEO of LePort Schools. “Both teachers [the head teacher and her assistant] will speak only in Spanish with the children, presenting all Montessori preschool lessons in Spanish. This full immersion environment enables children to learn more than just a few numbers and colors, or phrases and songs. They actually become natural speakers of the Spanish language! While many of us spent tedious years in high-school and college language classes only to leave with very little actual language, our preschoolers will become bilingual—and effortlessly.”

[Enrollment](#) for the Spanish immersion Montessori preschool in Huntington Beach is now open for the 2012/13 school year. Children who will be between 18 month and 3 ½ years old by September are eligible to start in the Spanish immersion toddler and preschool programs; older children may be accepted on a case-by-case basis, if they come into the program with sufficient Spanish skills.

For more information on the Spanish preschool program in Huntington Beach, visit www.LePortSchools.com/Spanish. To see more information about the Huntington Harbor campus, where the Spanish preschool program is located, visit www.LePortSchools.com/Harbor.

LePort Schools has been educating Orange County children for 12 years, and operates six preschools and private schools in Huntington Beach and Irvine, serving children from infants through 8th grade. For more information about the company, visit www.LePortSchools.com/About.



A [Montessori preschool classroom is ideal](#) for language acquisition because it naturally provides many elements needed for a child to *become bilingual*, such as differentiated instruction, an ability to naturally use language, and eloquent language role models (i.e., teachers).



The Spanish immersion preschool program is integrated into LePort's well-established Montessori program at the [Huntington Harbor](#) campus in northern Huntington Beach.



The [focus of the Spanish immersion preschool program](#) is to enable children who don't speak Spanish at home (or who come from mixed-language households) to *learn Spanish naturally and joyfully*. The program creates a Spanish environment where children naturally transition to using Spanish for communicating with teachers and with each other.



The [Montessori toddler](#) and [preschool](#) program offers *individualized attention from highly qualified teachers*. Montessori students develop strong language skill, refine fine and gross motor skills, and master writing, reading and arithmetic into the thousands in preschool.