

About Rayito de Sol Spanish Immersion and Language Academy



Rayito de Sol Spanish Immersion and Language Academy is Minnesota's premier language learning program for children with locations in Minneapolis and Plymouth, MN.

- The Rayito de Sol program is **designed for children who do not speak the Spanish language** and provides an opportunity for children to learn Spanish through many educational experiences.
- Our **unique** Spanish language program also strives for academic excellence in education while providing children with the invaluable skills of comprehension and use of the Spanish language.
- Spanish Immersion means that your child is immersed, or **surrounded by, the Spanish language during his or her school day**. Your child will experience all of the educational benefits of a traditional learning program- just in Spanish!
- While literacy and language recognition are core components of a child's learning experiences at the school, they also grow and develop through rich art, culture, dance, music, literature, stories, interactions and of course, immersion.
- **By** using the concepts of *Core Knowledge Curriculum* and incorporating our Spanish immersion program we believe that children in our program will have **an academic jump-start in life!**

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Join Rayito and Rayita on their Kindergarten Adventure!

Rayito de Sol's Kindergarten Program

Rayito de Sol Spanish Immersion Kindergarten program provides **a regular, academic, *Core Knowledge sequence curriculum completely in Spanish.**

Children, whether new to the language or returning to Rayito de Sol, study and practice Spanish in a natural way, through everyday classroom conversational situations and subject content instruction. Students study reading, language arts, mathematics, science and social studies through the medium of another language.

Goals of this learning program include:

- * Spanish language proficiency
- * Cultural knowledge and understanding
- * Subject matter competency



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Our Locations and Hours

Rayito de Sol currently has two locations:

Downtown Minneapolis

Rayito de Sol
Spanish Immersion Preschool
& Language Academy
(Basilica of Saint Mary)
1601 Laurel Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55403
Phone: 612-332-2770
Fax: 612-339-2829

Plymouth Location

Rayito de Sol
Spanish Immersion Preschool
& Language Academy
12325 Highway 55
Plymouth, MN 55441
Phone: 763-545-1790

KINDERGARTEN HOURS BEGINNING 9/2/2009

- **Plymouth Location** offers 1/2 Day Kindergarten from 9 AM-Noon & 1-3 PM
- **Basilica Location** offers Full Day Kindergarten from 9 AM-3:30 PM

**BEFORE AND AFTER CARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH LOCATIONS
FROM 7 AM –6PM**

**Call today to set up a site tour or for additional
information regarding enrollment!**

Phone: 612-332-2770

Or visit our website at <http://rayitodesol.net/>

Space is limited and fills quickly!



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What is *Core Knowledge?

Core Knowledge Curriculum teaches a body of specific lasting knowledge in a way that allows children to gradually build on what they already know.

Based on a body of research in cognitive psychology and effective school systems worldwide, Core Knowledge provides that, in order to attain academic excellence, greater fairness, and higher literacy, early education curriculum should be solid, specific, shared, and sequenced.

Core knowledge curriculum provides a sequential building of knowledge that establishes strong foundations for learning by using four solid concepts:

The Four S's

Core Knowledge Is:

- ***Solid***

While current events and technology are constantly changing, there is nevertheless a body of lasting knowledge that should form the core of an academic curriculum. Such solid knowledge includes the basic principles of constitutional government, important events of world history, essential elements of mathematics and of oral and written expression, widely acknowledged masterpieces of art and music, and stories and poems passed down from generation to generation.

- ***Sequenced***

Knowledge builds on knowledge. Children learn new knowledge by building on what they already know. The Core Knowledge Sequence provides a clear outline of content to be learned in succession. This sequential building of knowledge not only helps ensure that children enter each new grade ready to learn, but also helps prevent any repetitions and gaps characterized by traditional learning methods.

- ***Specific***

The Core Knowledge Sequence is distinguished by its specificity. By clearly specifying important knowledge in language arts, history and geography, math, science, and the fine arts, the Core Knowledge Sequence presents a practical answer to the question, "What do our children need to know?"

- ***Shared***

Literacy depends on shared knowledge. To be literate means, in part, to be familiar with a broad range of knowledge. One goal of Core Knowledge is to provide all children, regardless of background, with the shared knowledge they need to be included in our national literate culture.

By using the concepts of the Core Knowledge Curriculum in our Spanish Immersion Program at Rayito de Sol your child will gain the ability to read and speak the Spanish language as well as being provided with a solid foundation for learning now and in the future!

