

Jardin de Niños Interlingua Early Stimulation Program for Infants

We strongly believe that the first years of life are the foundation for a child's future life performance. Our Infant curriculum focuses on offering experiences that enhance exploration in all sensory areas from 3 months to 12 months with milestone development based research activities that awaken and integrate a child's neurological system. Sensory based activities assist in developing a child's social, physical and future academic success.

The main goal of our neurologically and sensory based infant program is to enhance a child's brain capacity and emotional maturity level.

Highlights of Our Child Development Program

Children develop at their own pace

Jardin de Niños supports the research that says that the early stages of development---from birth until around age 3-- determine the person that he/she will be in adult life. This time period is filled with a number of milestones, including talking and walking. To grow productively and effectively during this time, children require support in the development of specific behaviors.

As they move through the early stages of development, children begin to experience the world through all five of their senses. Social / Emotional Development: Jardin provides an opportunity for each infant to develop positive and nurturing relationships with peers, adults, and their environment. Interaction and relationships are one of the most important areas of a child's early development. All infants need productive and safe relationships. A child cannot learn and grow if he is constantly scared, hungry, thirsty or otherwise stressed. Hugs, kisses, touch and holding as much as possible in the early developmental stages is critical to healthy emotional development. This will deepen the bond between the child and the adult but will also make the child feel safe and content, allowing his/her mind to focus on learning and growing in other areas.

Jardin de Niños Interlingua provides caring, loving and trained teachers who assist infants through all the stages of the early stimulation process.

Encouraging this type of interaction allows the child to develop a sense of confidence in himself/herself. The infant will begin to understand how he/she fits into the larger world around him/her. The infant will also develop respect for her environment. If she accidentally smacks a table and her hand hurts for a moment, she will begin to understand her own limitations.

Physical Development: Jardin de Ninos provides an environment that fosters growth in gross and fine motor development at developmentally appropriate levels for each infant.

Intellectual Development: Jardin de Ninos provides an environment that fosters growth in language, critical thinking, exploration, concentration and sensorial skills at developmentally appropriate levels for each infant.

Language Development: Jardin de Ninos provides an opportunity for each infant to develop expressive and receptive language with other infants and caregivers.

Neurological Development

The first three years of life are a period of incredible growth in all areas of a baby's development. A newborn's brain is about 25 percent of its approximate adult weight. But by age 3, it has grown dramatically by producing billions of cells and hundreds of trillions of connections, or synapses, between these cells. While we know that the development of a young child's brain takes years to complete, we also know there are many things parents and caregivers can do to help children get off to a good start and establish healthy patterns for life-long learning. Jardin de Niños Interlingua has created an early stimulation program that dedicates individual time to each baby. Babies are exercised in all sensory areas which helps build neuronal connections.

The learning process for humans lasts a lifetime. However, the groundwork for experiences of older children and adults is laid during the development of the brain in infancy and early childhood -- from senses such as hearing and sight to physical, emotional and social skills.

Importance of Early Stimulation

We strongly believe that Early Stimulation is crucial to a child's healthy development.

There is important new scientific evidence that suggests the first three years of life are much more important in the long-term development of young children than previously believed. Researchers now confirm that the way parents interact with their young children and the experiences they provide them have a big impact on their youngster's emotional development, learning skills, and how they function later in life. Touching, holding, rocking, talking, listening and reading, or just playing with a child dramatically influences the young child's brain development.

Our Early Stimulation Program is in alignment with the sensorimotor stage of Jean Piaget who called the first two years of this stage of life the most important. During this time, an infant's cognitive development is mainly focused on coordinating sensory information with motor experiences. The cells of the brain are in place, but synapses or connections between neurons will continue to form. Piaget called this the Simple Reflexes phase.

Stimulating all five senses can help the child adjust to her own body as it grows and changes and prepare her to face new experiences as she gets older.

Our Infant Program follows the latest research in infant development and applies this knowledge in a complete Spanish immersion environment with native speakers of the Spanish language