

NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR KIDS

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Washington, DC - On Monday, October 5, Isabella & Ferdinand Spanish Language Adventures, an after-school Spanish program in Washington, D.C. for children ages 1-9, will open its doors.

Isabella & Ferdinand will offers classes to children at all levels—for children learning Spanish for the first time, already bilingual, or simply needing a supplemental class to strengthen the Spanish s/he is already learning in school. In an email announcing the program today, Isabella & Ferdinand founders Alexandra Migoya and Pilar O'Leary state they “designed this program with [their] children in mind, desiring a high caliber Spanish language after-school program in Washington, DC which teaches Spanish language and culture at a superior level.” Unlike other local foreign language programs for kids, Isabella & Ferdinand is exclusively a Spanish language program. “We believe in doing one thing right,” state Migoya and O'Leary, who want to teach children the “King's Spanish”.

The mission of Isabella & Ferdinand is to teach children to become linguistically fluent in Spanish and to expose them to the art and culture of the Spanish-speaking world. Migoya and O'Leary believes this ultimately allows children to use their Spanish in a more comprehensive, effective way.

Isabella & Ferdinand's staff will include some of the very best Spanish language teachers in the area, all of whom are native speakers. The program's music director, Francisco Revert, a talented young guitarist, pianist and composer hailing from Andalusia, will also be a part of every class, ensuring that music is used throughout the classroom to enhance children's learning and fun.

Isabella & Ferdinand will be collaborating with the Embassies of Spain and Latin America, the Spanish Department of Georgetown University, Gala Hispanic Theater and other arts, educational and cultural institutions. This Fall, the program's curriculum will focus on the Golden Age and the Age of Exploration in Spain and the Americas. To complement work in class on these themes, Isabella & Ferdinand has some special activities planned for its students, including:

- Παρτιχιπατινγ ιν α πρωατε γυιδεδ τουρ ηοστεδ βψ της Εμβασσψ οφ Σπαιν οφ της εξηιβιτιον √Τηε Αρτ οφ Ποωερ: Ροψαλ Αρμορ ανδ Πορτραιτς φρομ Ιμπεριαλ Σπαιν √ ατ της Νατιοναλ Γαλλερψ οφ Αρτ;
- Αττενδινγ α περφορμανχε οφ Δον Θυιζοτε δε λα Μανχηα βψ της Ωασηινγτον Βαλλετ;
- Ωατχηινγ α σπεχιαλ ιν-χλασσ φλαμενχο γυιταρ ανδ δανχε περφορμανχε το χελεβρατε Χολυμβυσ Δαψ (αλσο της Δαψ οφ Ηισπανιχ Χυλτυρε);
- Βεινγ τρεατεδ το α μαγιχ σηοω Αμαζινγ Δρεαμς/Συενοσ Αλυχιναντεσ βψ Σπανιση μαγιχιαν θοργε ζολτα ηοστεδ βψ της Κιδς Ευροφεστιβαλ;
- Αττενδινγ α πρωατε σχρεενινγ οφ ονε οφ της χηιλδρεν σ φιλμσ ιν της Λατιν Αμεριχαν Φιλμ Φεστιβαλ ηοστεδ βψ της Ιβερο-Αμεριχαν Χυλτυραλ ΑτταχηΓσ Ασσοχιατιον ανδ μορε.

Children will also get to “meet” Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus as they lead some of our classes on a voyage to the New World; Miguel Cervantes and his favorite knight, Don Quixote as they set off for adventures both real and imaginary; the illustrious painter Diego Velazquez as he paints “Las Meninas” and others (teachers and actors from Gala Hispanic Theatre and other arts organizations).

Isabella & Ferdinand will offer classes in upper Georgetown at 2121 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Suite 270, Washington DC 20007 in the

same building as Jonah's Treehouse.

Isabella & Ferdinand classes are 1 hour each and are offered Monday-Saturday from 9:30 to 5:45 PM. Children may take classes once to six times per week. For the youngest learners (12 months to 3 years), the program offers "Mommy and me" style classes such as Baby Barcelona and Olé and Play while older children (3-9 years) can take classes after school beginning at 3:15 PM. Classes will be purposely small (no more than 8-10 students per class), so space is extremely limited. To register, visit <http://www.isabellaandferdinand.com>.

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