

# PARENT IMMERSION RESOURCES LIST

## IMMERSION DATA/RESEARCH

CENTER FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH ON LANGUAGE ACQUISITION (CARLA)  
<http://carla.umn.edu/immersion/parentinfo/english.html>

NATIONAL NETWORK FOR EARLY LANGUAGE LEARNING  
<https://nnell.org/>

## SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING AT HOME

### 1.) BILINGUAL BALANCE

<https://www.bilingualbalance.com/>

Created by Amigos Unidos parent Jenna Vislisel, Bilingual Balance offers resource lists, ideas, and activities for helping kids learn Spanish. It includes free resources and printables related to language learning and learning to read, a pronunciation guide for parents who don't speak Spanish, and encouragement for raising bilingual kids.

### 2.) THE SPANISH EXPERIMENT

<https://www.thespanishexperiment.com>

FREE Spanish lessons (for example: Spanish greetings, question words, telling time, directions in Spanish) and Children's Stories in Spanish.

### 3.) SPANISH PLAYGROUND

<https://www.spanishplayground.net/>

Offers Spanish materials, activities, games, poems, songs and jokes.

### 4.) EXPLORACIONES PBS

<https://tpt.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/exploraciones/>

*Exploraciones* is a collection of resources for teaching Spanish in the elementary grades. The collection includes the *¡Arte y más!* Video series, as well as themed units featuring a variety of video segments, animations, lesson plans, activity ideas, and other materials for teaching students at the novice-mid to novice-high level.

### 5.) SPANISH MAMA

<https://spanishmama.com/>

### 6.) ROCKALINGUA

<https://rockalingua.com/>

Music-based Spanish learning. The website offers videos, games, songs, worksheets and picture dictionaries. Several items are free, but others require a subscription. Full access subscriptions start at \$20.

## 7.) YOUTUBE CHANNELS

Baila Baila - <https://www.youtube.com/user/bailabailamusic>

Basho & Friends - <https://www.youtube.com/user/bashoandfriends>

Smile and Learn Español - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCZpm6436NiU\\_IcBAIEZmQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCZpm6436NiU_IcBAIEZmQ)

Super Simple Español - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyY3Wd5x85o8AKXjYSoxFAQ>

Bilingual Balance offers a fantastic, detailed list of YouTube channels for kids learning Spanish, along with a helpful description of each channel:

<https://www.bilingualbalance.com/spanish-youtube-channels-for-kids/>

## RESOURCES FOR NON-SPEAKING PARENTS

*Note: Many items listed under "Supplemental Learning at Home" contain excellent support and resources for non-native speaking parents, including Spanish Playground and Spanish Mama.*

### 1.) BILINGUAL KIDSPOT\_

<https://bilingualkidspot.com/>

Resources, support, and advice for parents raising bilingual kids, including improving the minority language and even Spanish resources for kids

### 2.) COLORIN COLORADO\_

<http://www.colorincolorado.org>

A bilingual site for families helping their kids learn English or Spanish, full of reading and language ideas and tips

### 3.) DUOLINGO APP

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

FREE language learning through “bite-sized lessons.” Its creators say it offers personalized instruction, as well as other features, such as interactive short stories, podcasts, and, depending on where you live, local meetup groups of people wanting to practice their language skills with others.

Duolingo is free (and claims it always will be), but for \$9.99 a month, you could get Duolingo Plus, which removes ads and lets you download lessons to do offline in the mobile app. It also gives you one free “streak repair” per month, meaning if you skip a day of practice, your stats in Duolingo won’t be affected.

### 4.) FluentU

<https://www.fluentu.com/>

Annually: \$20/mo (\$240/year)

Monthly: \$30/mo (\$360/year)

### 5.)\_Bilingual Avenue Podcast

<https://www.bilingualavenue.com/episode-14-qa-how-can-i-support-my-child-if-i-do-not-speak-the-languages-used-by-the-school/>

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

### ONLINE CLASSES/CAMPS

1.) Bilingual Balance offers a comprehensive list of FREE online summer classes and camps:  
<https://www.bilingualbalance.com/free-online-summer-spanish-learning-for-kids/>

2.) VIRTUAL VILLAGE ONLINE  
<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/online-programs>  
\$325 one week (Ages 8-18)

Concordia Language Villages is excited to offer participants new opportunities to begin or continue their adventure in language and cultural learning! In addition to our residential sessions in the beautiful North Woods of Minnesota, villagers ages 7-18 can join one or more online sessions – beginning to advanced language learners welcome!

- Real-time language and cultural immersion with our world-class Village staff, many teaching directly from the Villages.
- Fun, interactive and creative experiences - all in the target language!
- Real friendships with villagers from across the globe!
- One-, four- and five-week Virtual Village programs, including high school credit, begin in mid-June.

### LOCAL IN-PERSON CAMPS

**(Information subject to change. Visit each website for COVID-related schedule changes or updates)**

1.) BILINGUAL CHILDCARE AND CENTRO DE EDUCACION SPANISH IMMERSION  
SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER PROGRAM  
[720 Wildwood Road, Mahtomedi]  
<https://www.bilingualchildcare.com/spanish-immersion-summer-program-mahtomedi/>

**Dates:** June 8 – August 28, 2020 (12 Weeks)

2-Week Minimum Enrollment (Full Week Only M-F 7:00-5:30)

Pick And Choose Your Weeks: 2 To All 12!

Weekly cost \$280 (10% discount for 2nd and multiple children enrolled...infant through school-age!)

Program features:

- Weekly cultural themes enriched by presenters, cool projects, and activities!
- Weekly Spanish grammar and vocabulary building activities for beginners to advanced learners!
- Learning and fun with music, dance, and arts and crafts!

- Making new friends through games and plenty of time to play!
- Keeping our minds sharp with daily reading and math games!
- Outdoor and water fun on the playground!
- Nutritious food program including breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack!

## 2.) CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org>

Msg about COVID-19: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-village-life/preparing-for-camp/parent-information/healthcare>

DAY CAMPS: <http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-languages/programs/spanish-twin-cities-day-camps>

[East Ridge H.S. (Woodbury)]

July 13-17 9am to Noon

Grades 1-5

\$199

Twin Cities Day Camps are a great introduction to language, and a wonderful precursor to our overnight programs. Offered in partnership with local school districts, these programs are held at various locations throughout the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Utilizing our trademark teaching methods, Twin Cities Day Camps include art, music, games, imagination, teamwork and snacks to introduce the youngest learners to language and culture. Programs typically run 4 or 5 days, either morning or afternoon.

## 3.) THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINNESOTA DISCOVERY SUMMER CAMP

<https://internationalschoolmn.com/academics/summer-camp>

Full Week: \$350 Monday - Friday 7:00 AM-6:00 PM

Half Week: \$250 Monday - Friday 7:00 AM-12:30 PM (3 Full Days or 5 Half Days)

Our camp takes place on The International School of Minnesota's private 55-acre wooded campus, adjacent to the Three Rivers Park District's Bryant Lake Park and beach. Discovery Summer Camp is open to students throughout the Twin Cities as well as those enrolled at The International School of Minnesota. It's a great way to have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends over the summer!

Camp care is available from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday making it a stress-free choice for parents impacted by late start or early finishing day-camps. Activities take place between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM daily and feature everything from arts and crafts, to swimming, world languages, and weekly field trips!

Little Explorers PS-K

Pioneers 1-6 Grade

Afternoon Adventures 1-6 Grade

Counselor-in-Training 7-9 Grade

## 4.) ISLA (INTERNATIONAL SPANISH LANGUAGE ACADEMY) SUMMER CAMP - [not sure if this is open to everyone, or just kids in the Hopkins district and surrounding area]

<https://www.isla.school/explore/summer-camps>

K sessions - \$195 per week  
Full Day Sessions - \$310 per week

*(Due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, we are no longer accepting registrations for summer camps. If you would like to have your child's name added to a wait list in the event that we are able offer the camps, please send an email to [summercamp@isla.school](mailto:summercamp@isla.school).)*

Three wonderful weeks of camp for kids! Each week has a totally different theme and activities. They are all taught by ISLA staff. Come enjoy the summer and let's get back to speaking Spanish or let's start learning a new language!

ISLA camps are for immersion students and heritage language speakers, fluent in Spanish.

Kindergarten Camp is for all Kindergarteners who want to have an immersion experience. No language skills are needed or required.

5.) CASA DE CORAZON INTERCULTURAL LEARNING CENTER SPANISH IMMERSION  
SUMMER CAMP IN MAPLE GROVE  
[8351 Elm Creek Blvd N, Maple Grove]  
<https://casaearlylearning.com/programs/school-age/>

All inclusive Spanish Immersion summer camps run weekly from June 8 – September 4  
Open to children entering grades 1-6 in Fall 2020.

Rates:

5 days — \$205/ week  
4 days — \$175/ week  
3 days — \$150/ week

Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

6.) Sally Manzara Interpretive Nature Center

<https://sminc-lake-elmo.org/>

Had plans to develop summer programming in Spanish. Not certain whether they were ready to launch the Spanish camps this summer, but obviously COVID has put all camps on hold for now. Stay tuned...

## **EXPLORING HISPANIC/LATINO CULTURE**

1.) MARKETS

>District del Sol  
[West Side of St. Paul - Along Wabasha/Cesar Chavez]  
<https://saintpaulhistorical.com/items/show/129>

The predominantly Mexican part of St. Paul. There, you can see beautiful murals representing Mexican culture, patronize several colorfully-painted Latino businesses, and attend the annual Cinco de Mayo Fiesta.

>El Burrito Mercado (in the District del Sol)  
[175 Cesar Chavez Street, St. Paul]  
<http://www.elburritostp.com/>

Mexican immigrants, Tomas & Maria Silva from Aguascalientes, Mexico expanded El Burrito Mercado into a family legacy with their three children, Milissa, Tomas and Suzanne. It is a St Paul mainstay offering a unique Mexican, Latino marketplace experience. El Burrito features specialty groceries, cooking spices & peppers including fresh produce, unique meats, full deli, restaurant, cantina, catering, food truck, imported gifts & home decor.

>Supermercado La Palma  
[655 Payne Avenue, St. Paul]  
<http://www.supermercadolapalma.com/>

Craving tasty, authentic Salvadoran or Mexican food? Look no more and come dine and shop with us. Since the foundation of La Palma Supermercado in November of 2003 we have gone above and beyond to bring an authentic Latin atmosphere all year round. With our amazing yet easy-on-the-wallet dishes and grocery, friendly and warm service as well as convenient services you will never feel as welcome anywhere else than here.

>Mercado Central  
[1515 E Lake Street, Minneapolis]  
<http://mimercadocentral.com/>

Mercado Central is a thriving marketplace of 35 businesses at the corner of Lake Street and Bloomington Avenue in Minneapolis. With the interest to foster business development for Latinos in Minneapolis. Mercado Central always offers a wide variety of everyday and artisan articles for purchase, delicious dishes and fresh ingredients for your meals; as well as a great lineup of services that you may use.

>Midtown Global Market  
[920 E Lake Street, Minneapolis]  
<https://midtownglobalmarket.org/>

Midtown Global Market is a vibrant economic and cultural center where the community gathers. Home to over 45 businesses spanning over 22 cultures, the Market provides a global experience to its visitors with an extraordinary variety of tastes, arts and crafts as well as music and dance programs throughout the week. Over 1.5 million patrons visit Midtown Global Market each year.

2.) CINCO DE MAYO WEST SIDE SAINT PAUL  
<https://www.cincodemayosaintpaul.com/>

The Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation (St. Paul Winter Carnival) hosts a day of festivities with Cinco de Mayo West Side Saint Paul. Touted as one of the biggest Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the U.S.

### 3.) NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

There are a variety of events and activities offered in the Twin Cities throughout the month to celebrate.

### 4.) MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON LAKE STREET

Mexican Independence Day is September 16

<https://www.facebook.com/independenciademexicolakest.mn/>

Mexican Independence day Festival features Parade, Mexican music, folkloric dancers, carnival rides, prize drawings, children's activities, community resources exhibit, information booths, crafts, food, merchandise, and much more!

### 5.) ART STUDIOS

#### Ricardo Levins Morales Art Studio

[3260 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis]

<https://www.rlmartstudio.com/>

Artwork with a focus on social justice created by Ricardo Levins Morales over years to encourage the laughter, hope, love and anger that move us toward a better world. The shop also produces custom buttons at bulk prices – your design or ours!

#### Electric Machete Studios

<https://www.electricmachete.com/>

Twin Cities artist-run art & music collective production house featuring the work of Latinx and Xicanx artists Indigenous to las Ámericas.

#### Zinnia Folk Arts of Mexico

[826 West 50th Street, Minneapolis]

<https://zinniafolkarts.com/>

A treasure trove of artisan creations, including Otomi textiles, Mexican silver jewelry, party decorations, and handmade clothing, from seven different regions in Mexico. The Minneapolis store also has a collection of Frida Kahlo-themed items, and one-of-a-kind pieces of folk art.