

La Petite Ecole



Benefits of Bilingual Education

Did you know that once learned, the ability to understand and to speak a foreign language - without an accent - stays with a child? When you introduce a child to another language, **you set the stage for achievement in school** – not only in English and foreign languages, but in other subjects, like math. You build a child's confidence and self-esteem. **Learning a second language also builds brainpower, enhances mental acuity and increases cognitive function.** It often leads to earlier readers, better grades and higher SAT scores. Beyond this, learning a language enriches a child culturally and socially, **an ideal gift** in today's increasingly global world. Immersion at a young age can be compared to childhood immunizations. The effect is strong, the benefit immediate. A young child is like a sponge, and learns another language very quickly, in the same way he or she learns to speak his or her native tongue. In later years that child may require a language "booster," or times when he or she is able to participate in an immersion-like setting (summer camp in a French speaking country, for example), in order to maintain the fluency acquired so easily at age 3 or 4, but the **residual benefits last a lifetime.**

IMMERSION – AN ACRONYM

I **Intelligence grows**
M **Multicultural exposure**
M **Multiple root benefits**
E **Excellence in method of education**
R **Retention – Memory skills are enhanced in all areas**
S **Small class size**
I **Innate acceptance of other peoples, cultures, languages and world views**
O **Opportunities as an adult**
N **No accent!**

Why La Petite Ecole for my child's first bilingual experience?

- It provides a **home based** school environment, perfect for children ages 2-5, not yet ready for the "bigger classes," but so ready for social interaction and learning a new language!
- It offers a **full French immersion** curriculum based on the French Ministry of Education Pre-School programs.
- **Your monthly tuition pays for everything:** **All** school books and arts and crafts materials, care for your child from 8:30 am until 4:45 pm (no "after school program" costs!), and home cooked meals and snacks served on the premises. Only field trips/outings are extra. Your monthly tuition averages out to approximately \$6/hr. That's less than most would pay for a babysitter!
- **We offer school 11 months out of the year!** No need to worry about looking for summer camps in July! (No school in August).
- **Patricia Ayité is a certified French teacher, and a native speaker.**
- **Patricia is assisted** by her husband, Alex Ayité, a PE teacher, and her 2 stepdaughters, College students who are also native French speakers.
- **La Petite Ecole is State licensed** to provide care for 6 full-time Pre-Schoolers, and 2 part-time Kindergartners.
- **All menus are reviewed and approved** by "A Child's Choice," a Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Where does my child go after La Petite Ecole?

- There are several private schools in the Denver Metro area which offer immersion language programs through the elementary years: Denver International School and Colorado International School both offer solid French programs. Global Village Academy is a newly established public charter school in Aurora which offers language immersion programs. Coming from La Petite Ecole, your child will also be well prepared for entrance into Kindergarten or First Grade at any private or public American educational establishment.