



Dear Preschool Teachers and Parents,

It is *wonderful* to start learning [Spanish in preschool](#), children have a *window of opportunity* to become familiar with Spanish before they realize they are learning a new language. If you can develop a foundation in Spanish at a young age (before 5), your child can rapidly accelerate their knowledge of Spanish in later years by tapping into various resources like music, cartoons, and videos. If you wait until after 5, your child can *certainly* learn Spanish, but there will probably be more resistance to watching something like “Blue’s Clues” in Spanish. ***Two to four years old is the perfect age*** to begin learning Spanish, however, you need to be aware of what appropriate goals are for this age range.

Learning a language has many skills (stages) associated with it, below are 6 important skills:

1. Hearing and distinguishing the sound of words
2. Pronunciation of words
3. Understanding words & phrases
4. Using one word
5. Using phrases
6. Using sentences



If you start using [Spanish Champs](#) with a 2 year old, some reasonable expectation of progress are discussed below. Your child may be ahead of or behind these guidelines. Of course, if you begin at age 3 or 4, their progress will be behind these expectations. However, by increasing the use of the program, you can accelerate their learning to meet many of these expectations.

Reasonable Expectations of Progress for Preschool Children using Spanish Champs Regularly

2 years (24-35 months): *These children are beginning to use phrases and sentences in English.*

- Skills 1-4: Exposure to 150 words: Most children will not speak much, or pronounce words very well, however, they are still learning valuable skills, even though they aren't speaking much yet!
- They can sing bits of songs without hand motions
- They can watch portions of Spanish Champs videos, but without a high level of understanding.

3 years (36-47 months): *These children use sentences easily in English.*

- Skills 1-4: Exposure to 300 words: Comprehension of many words, pronunciation of some words well, can understand and use some individual words.
- They can sing phrases from songs using hand motions
- They can watch video Level 1 with partial understanding, and Level 2 with minimal understanding.

4 years (48-59 months): *These children hold detailed discussions easily in English.*

- Skills 1-5: Exposure to 500 words: They can understand, pronounce, and use many words and phrases.
- They can sing whole songs with hand motions
- They can watch Spanish Champs videos Levels 1 and 2 and understand most of what goes on.

Best Regards,

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