



## The Greenwich Spanish School

giving your children an edge – superior pre-K education and fluency in another language

### Going Global in Greenwich

The Greenwich Spanish School is the first Spanish language immersion school in Connecticut.

As our children face the global economy and stiff competition for the best jobs, an increasingly important question is: “How many languages do you speak?” Sadly, most of our children graduate from the best universities in the U.S. with only marginal knowledge of other languages. With a growing population of international students in our best universities and with a minimum of two languages to begin with, our children are lacking an important bullet point in their resumes.

Most international students attending our universities learned English in American or British schools in their countries of origin, beginning in pre-K programs, and their English is as good as their mother tongue.

For many years and especially since the beginning of 2009, Rosario Brooks has heard the same complaint from mothers of pre-K students in Old Greenwich and Riverside that their children were missing an edge in their early childhood education: solid pre-K education and fluency in another language. The Greenwich Spanish School was born.

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The Greenwich Spanish School is a non-sectarian, non-profit school that offers the traditional pre-K academic curriculum of pre-reading, pre-writing and pre-math programs to children 3-4 years of age taught solely in Spanish by educated native teachers. *(continued over)*



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### Summer Camps

- Mondays through Fridays
- Beginning June 21
- Programs for ages 3 - 5 and 6 - 11
- Open House for Summer Camps from 11 to 2, Thursday, April 29

#### Pre-K Educational Programs in Spanish

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Visit our website or call us for more information and a private consultation for the 2010-2011 academic year

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**[www.GreenwichSpanish.org](http://www.GreenwichSpanish.org)**

With the goal of giving children an edge – superior pre-K education and fluency in a second language – GSS also seeks to meet the needs of the children in their cognitive, language, social, emotional, physical and creative development in an effective manner on a daily basis. Through independent play, real-life experiences and teacher-directed activities, children develop the skills necessary to learn pre-school writing, reading, math, science and social studies not just in one language but two.

GSS programs include indoor and outdoor activities for fine and gross motor development; problem-solving to facilitate concept formation; creative activities to develop and express ideas and feelings; and language learning to promote self-reliance and self-esteem as well as their understanding of the world. GSS recognizes children’s individuality and diversity in the rate manner in which they learn.

GSS also offers introductory Spanish “Afters” programs, Homework Clubs and Summer Camps. Our Summer Camps start on June 21 and run until August 13. Registration is still open and you can visit our website at [www.GreenwichSpanish.org](http://www.GreenwichSpanish.org) to obtain a registration form.

GSS will also expand its educational programs in successive years to higher levels through grade 5.

In addition to the advantage of fluency in another language, studies show that bilingual children have greater cognitive and integrative skills and often increased scientific and mathematical abilities. English is also emphasized so that children develop needed reading and writing skills in their native language. Accordingly, and to help children continue their education in an English environment, promotional testing is conducted in English.

The Greenwich Spanish School was founded by Rosario Brooks, a native of Mexico who has lived and taught Spanish in the United States for 37 years. The Pre-K educational program for 3-4 year-olds was co-founded with Gabriela Zorrilla, Mónica Calderón and Beatriz Ruiz, all of whom have experience in teaching pre-school children in Mexico and U.S.

GSS classes and programs are conducted at the Vincent J. O’Connor Center, 6 Riverside Avenue, next to Saint Catherine of Siena Church in Riverside, CT. For further information, please call Rosario at (203) 698-1500, or visit our website at [www.GreenwichSpanish.org](http://www.GreenwichSpanish.org).



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