

# Kindergarten Awareness

## Parent's Training



Help your children build the stepping-stones to reach their highest potential

### "Parents as the First Teachers of their children"

This is an intensive five days course, which gives monolingual Spanish speaking parents practical tools to help their children build literacy, and math skills. This will help their children be on top of their class and ready to learn on their first day of school. The course provides the tools and advice to parents that otherwise would not have been exposed anywhere else. Parents will understand the meaning of "Parents are the first teachers of their children".

With an established curriculum, parents will work with their children at home. During the five days course, we will show them to become familiar with the curriculum, before teaching it to their children; this way parents understand and appreciate the rationale behind the curriculum.

In this course, we prepare parents on how to be the real first teacher of their children and to take ownership for their children's educational success.

Parents will learn to see themselves as teachers in their own home and to ensure that their child will be ready to start school and ready to learn. Parents are responsible to maintain an activity journal during the process. In the journal, parents will share their experiences teaching and practicing the activities with their children. In addition, parents will know what type of activities will present to their children during the summer and how to keep track of their children learning process.



As part of the course, parents are mandated to present a report of challenges and successes in a follow-up gathering that will be held in the third week of September. Faces of America staff will keep track of these parents to maintain track of their children's educational progress.

This training has been offered every year for the last ten years on the third week of June. And throughout the school year where requested by other schools and organizations.

### We provide training and detailed instructions on the curriculum



which parents will use at home with their children during the 12 weeks of summer. In addition, we provide a tool kit for each of the parents with all the necessary materials and tools to follow and accomplish the curriculum's activities.



## What makes this training unique?

We teach parents to discover the joy of teaching their babies, toddlers and preschoolers, and give them the gift of literacy. According to Glenn Doman, Founder of The Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential, "Reading is not a school subject, like geography, but a brain function, like seeing and hearing and tiny children should be given the opportunity to learn when is easier for them to absorb new information: from birth to six".



### Old View

- Reading is a school subject
- Reading should begin at six
- Young children are not "ready" to learn to read



### Doman's View

- Reading should be taught at home
- Reading is the baby's birthright
- Young children are ready because reading is natural and fun

Training is  
offered in  
Spanish



## Literacy...why in the child's native language?

It is impossible to ignore the importance of literacy in education. Reading is the skill upon which success in every other academic area is based. Study after study shows that students who cannot read by age nine are unlikely to ever become fluent readers, and have a higher tendency to drop out (Moats, 1999; Snow, Burns, & Griffin, 1998).

Literacy in a child's native language establishes a knowledge, concept and skills base that transfers from native language reading to reading in a second language (Collier & Thomas, 1992; Cummins, 1989; Escamilla, 1987; Rodríguez, 1988).

