

☀ Language Treasure Hunt - Spanish & English Match-Up



Help children build bilingual vocabulary, notice connections between languages, and celebrate Spanish heritage in a playful way.

Materials Needed:

- Sets of word cards: one in English and one in Spanish (examples: book/libro, water/agua, flower/flor, chair/silla, sun/sol).
- Small baskets or cloth bags for collecting cards.
- A designated gathering spot in the classroom.

How to Play:

1. Before children arrive, hide the English and Spanish word cards around the classroom — on shelves, under rugs, near work areas, etc.
2. Introduce the game by telling children: *"There are hidden treasures in our classroom — word cards in English and Spanish! Your mission is to find the pairs that match."*



3. Children search for cards. When they find one, they look for its matching pair in the other language.
4. Once they've matched the words (for example: "flower" and "flor"), they bring the pair to the gathering spot.
5. When all pairs are collected, gather as a group and read them aloud together. Encourage children to repeat both the English and Spanish words.
6. Optional extension: Ask children to find or point to the real-life object in the classroom (like a book, flower, or chair) to connect words with tangible items.

Why It Works:

This activity blends Montessori principles of movement, choice, and hands-on learning with the celebration of bilingualism. It reinforces vocabulary, builds cultural pride, and creates joyful engagement with Spanish and English.

