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YakAcademy Adds Fun to Foreign Language

Learning can be packaged in many formats. At YakAcademy, these can include games, songs, crafts and movement. Students from ages 1 to 10 are immersed in foreign languages in a fun, non-traditional environment.

Founders Rob Kaye and Marie O'Brien founded YakAcademy in 2004 to share the educational and developmental benefits of a second language with all children. Using play-based immersion techniques, the school creates a fun environment where children naturally absorb language through song, movement and activities. Children are learning language without even knowing it, according to program organizers.

"Over the years, we've teamed with educators and specialists at the cutting edge of early childhood development and foreign language acquisition to develop a program that exposes children to developmentally appropriate curriculum," says Emily Ciccolo of YakAcademy in Sabre Springs.

YakAcademy creates a fun, natural learning environment where a child can learn at his own pace. Each class has specific language goals that the children acquire through games, arts and crafts, song and movement. According to organizers, learning this way means children will never have to sit through a class, just memorizing vocabulary.

YakAcademy is located at 12650 Sabre Springs Parkway #202, San Diego, 92128. All new students receive a free trial session. For more information, go to www.yakacademy.com or call 858-679-7760.