

Multi-Tiered Dual Language Instruction

A Randomized Group Study



12 Classrooms 43 Children

Control 13 Classrooms **Group** 38 Children







What is the effect of Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction on the English and Spanish language skills of preschoolers learning English?

TIER 1: Large Group

Teacher directed lessons targeted vocabulary and storytelling.



TIER 2: Small Group





Child directed activities and storybook reading provided opportunities for children to practice new vocabulary.





Multi-tiered dual language instruction enhanced children's oral language skills in English and Spanish and prepared them for kindergarten.





Puente de Cuentos Group

Outperformed the control group on Spanish and English measures.

Vocabulary

Storytelling

Language Comprehension

Receptive Language

Expressive Language

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