

Footsteps2Brilliance® Alignment Gómez & Gómez Dual Language Enrichment Model (DLTI)

Footsteps2Brilliance and Clever Kids University early learning programs (together "Footsteps2Brilliance") offer **a comprehensive, bilingual early literacy curriculum that is proven to increase kindergarten readiness and 3rd grade reading proficiency.**



Footsteps2Brilliance is ideally suited to support classrooms implementing the Gómez & Gómez Elementary Dual Language Enrichment Model through alignment with the 3 Pillars of Dual Language:

- 1: Bilingualism and Biliteracy:** With Footsteps2Brilliance, students learn to speak, read, write and listen in both English and Spanish.
- 2: High Academic Achievement:** Footsteps2Brilliance offers rigorous bilingual literacy instruction as well as books and project-based learning that supports cross-curricular alignments with STEM and Social Studies lessons
- 3: Sociocultural Competence:** Footsteps2Brilliance curriculum encourages students to explore and celebrate cultural differences and similarities.

Why Dual Language Educators Love Footsteps2Brilliance



Award-winning Content

Footsteps2Brilliance has been recognized with awards from the Association of American Publishers and National Parenting Publications among other prestigious recognition.

Thousands of Bilingual eBooks, Song, and Games

Footsteps2Brilliance provides thousands of age-appropriate bilingual English and Spanish interactive and animated eBooks, songs, and educational games for children pre-K through third grade. For very young children, the books and materials are ideally suited for parents to engage with their children in reading, singing, learning, and playing together.



English/Spanish Language & Literacy Development

Footsteps2Brilliance offers an unprecedented level of bilingual language and literacy development. As they play on the Footsteps2Brilliance program, children and families are immersed in a language-rich environment where they can easily toggle between English and Spanish at any time with the touch of a button. Whether children are playing a game or reading a page of a book, they can click the English-Spanish toggle button to experience that exact material in the other language.



Balanced Bilingualism That Emphasizes Writing

Unlike any other reading app, the Footsteps2Brilliance curriculum includes a balanced literacy approach that emphasizes writing in English and Spanish. Pre-readers work on letter formation and labeled illustrations, while developing writers will create variations and reports on the books they have completed.

Built for Parent Engagement

Footsteps2Brilliance is uniquely positioned to support a child's overall success by involving caregivers from birth through grade 3. With Footsteps2Brilliance, schools usually **double and even triple instructional time spent on literacy** by engaging caregivers with fun bilingual resources they can use anytime, anywhere.



Enterprise-level Management and Reporting

The Footsteps2Brilliance Mobile Technology Platform includes enterprise-level management and reporting for students, teachers, classes, schools, staff, and parents. Footsteps2Brilliance has developed a learning and formative assessment system designed to monitor student proficiency without sacrificing the program's instructional value and engagement. Our proprietary algorithm provides proficiency scores that can be used to support each student toward achieving academic success.

Any Device, No Internet Required to Play

Footsteps2Brilliance puts learning resources into every parent's pocket because it can be used on any smartphone, tablet, or computer. After downloading the app and content, children can play indefinitely on Footsteps2Brilliance without an Internet connection. The next time the app connects to Wi-Fi, the child's progress is uploaded.



Footsteps2Brilliance Is Comprehensive

Footsteps2Brilliance is a research-based, comprehensive bilingual literacy curriculum that aligns to standards. Footsteps2Brilliance is designed to encourage and support self-directed learning while also supporting classroom use through whole-group, small-group, and 1:1 activities. Three levels of curriculum support emergent through independent readers and writers. The following chart outlines the domains and skills covered in Footsteps2Brilliance.

Literacy Domain	Footsteps2Brilliance Skills Taught and Practiced in English and Spanish
Cognitive Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend to details. Understand, create, and complete patterns. Identify matching sets. Order events into first, next, and last. Use classification skills.
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand conventions of print. Understand and use standard language conventions. Develop an increasingly complex vocabulary.
Phonics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify letters and letter sounds. Develop knowledge of spelling conventions. Read decodable words and develop word-reading strategies. Develop automaticity with grade-level sight words.
Phonological Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify rhyming words. Identify initial sounds in words. Blend phonemes to make words. Isolate, count, and manipulate phonemes.
Informational Text	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read grade-level informational text and demonstrate literal, inferential, lexical, and applied comprehension. Understand and use text features. Make connections between texts.

Literature

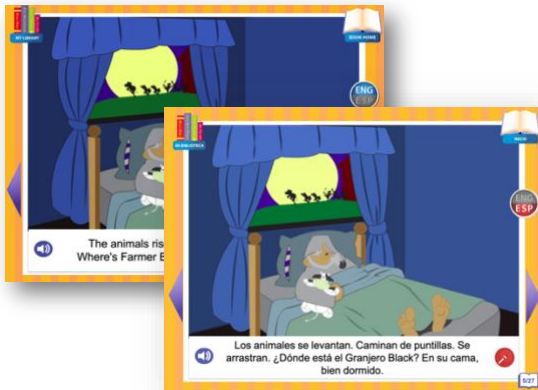
- Read grade-level narrative text and demonstrate literal, inferential, lexical, and applied comprehension.
- Understand and use text features.
- Make connections between texts.

Writing

- Form capital and lowercase letters.
- Represent ideas and concepts through drawings.
- Develop a digital portfolio of student-created books and journals.
- Use graphic organizers and other tools to develop understanding and prepare to write.
- Write opinion pieces, expository texts, and narratives based on research.

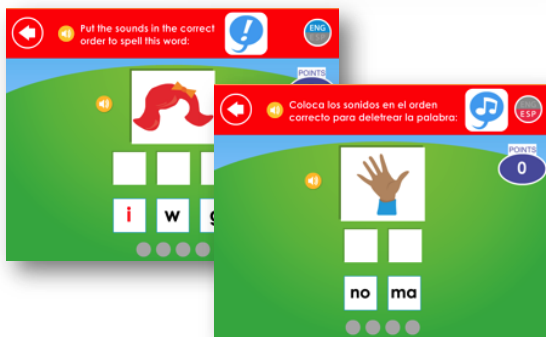
Footsteps2Brilliance Offers a Wealth of Resources

In addition to providing a comprehensive library of high-quality eBooks, songs, games and writing activities for families of children birth to third grade to use at home, Footsteps2Brilliance includes curriculum and implementation resources to increase teacher effectiveness and classroom engagement in Pre-K through grade 3.



Interactive eBooks and Songs

- Hundreds of interactive, audio-encoded eBooks toggle between English and Spanish at any time with the touch of the button.
- Interactive text allows children to listen word-by-word to an entire page or individual words.
- Record yourself reading button encourage children develop reading fluency.
- Interactive illustrations develop vocabulary and comprehension, while encouraging parents to slow down and talk about what they are reading.
- Books cover a variety of genres including stories, nursery rhymes, fables, songs, and informational text.



Skill Games

Standards-based games develop mastery of essential vocabulary, phonics, phonemic awareness, language, readiness, and writing skills in English and Spanish. Animations, point counters, and badges celebrate success and motivate students to persist toward mastery.



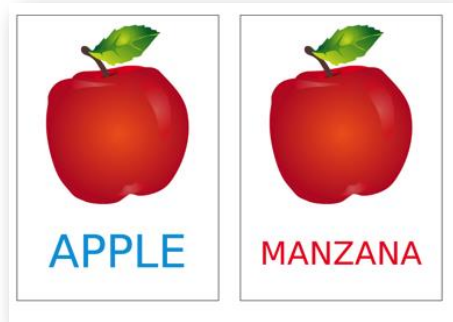
Create-a-Book / Crear-un-libro

Create-a-Book and My Journal enable students and teachers to write, edit, print, and email books and expository texts using words and artwork from the books they have read. All books are saved into a digital portfolio that students and teachers can easily showcase and review.



Project Based Learning / Aprendizaje en base a proyectos

Using the eBooks as a catalyst, Project-Based-Learning modules direct students to define advanced vocabulary, conduct independent research, analyze their findings, use graphic organizers, and create a variety of evidence they can share to demonstrate critical thinking.



Game Card Maker

In the Game Card Maker, teachers can search Footsteps2Brilliance's extensive library of clipart to create picture and word card sets in English and Spanish that they can save, print, and share. Game Cards can be used to increase student engagement in activity centers, pocket charts, take-home packets and more.



Model Lesson Videos

In a comprehensive series of model lesson videos, master teachers guide children through a shared reading in English or Spanish. Teachers build background knowledge and vocabulary. They also model comprehension strategies and prepare students for projects and writing activities to follow.

Footsteps2Brilliance Is Easy to Implement

Footsteps2Brilliance enables learning everywhere: at home and at school. Parents and teachers can begin using the program with little or no training. Research demonstrates that **with just 45 minutes on Footsteps2Brilliance each week**, students are more likely to meet kindergarten readiness and 3rd grade reading proficiency benchmarks.



small group

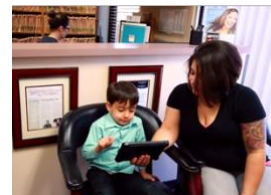


whole group



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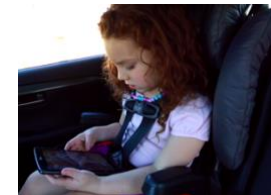
In the classroom, Footsteps2Brilliance supplements and enriches a teacher's core literacy curriculum. As a comprehensive curriculum based in research and aligned to standards, Footsteps2Brilliance offers a wealth of interactive books, games, and activities that increase student engagement and teacher effectiveness. Whether teachers use it for small group, whole group, or individualized learning, Footsteps2Brilliance enables teachers to personalize learning and build student success.



doctor's office



grocery store



on the go

At home, Footsteps2Brilliance offers parents an easy way to transform screen time into active learning time with an app that is easily installed and does not require a data plan. Footsteps2Brilliance is founded on the principle that parents are their child's first and most important teacher, but many parents do not have the resources and/or skills to support their child's emergent and developing literacy. The app's design enables families to explore and discover together. Moreover, the Footsteps2Brilliance approach meets parents where they are—providing audio support in English and Spanish so that parents can be learning right alongside their children.

