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Diana Lee Santamaria Announces Launch of Bilingual Books

Preschool learning series Premieres bilingual versions of books and becomes a finalist in the International Latino Book Awards!

June 7, 2016 – In 2014, Latina author and early childhood educator Diana Lee Santamaria announced the launch of her preschool book series, DLee’s World. This series is optimized for kids ages 3-5 and encourages early literacy while embracing diversity.

The main character, DLee, is bright and quirky with a passion for learning. Each character represents a different ethnicity to further give young children new ideas about acceptance and fun. DLee’s World incorporates elements of the author’s childhood and professional experiences.

The books use playful verbiage and developmentally appropriate learning strategies to increase reading comprehension. About the concept for DLee’s World, Santamaria stated it best when she said, “As a child who struggled with reading, I understand the importance of literacy and making it fun for children, so I work on bringing all the essential elements into DLee’s World. Since literacy is all around us, why not give our children the best opportunity at success by encouraging habits of learning at the earliest ages possible? I want my stories to spark children’s interest in books and awaken a thirst for learning and knowledge.”

“DLee’s Color Hunt,” “DLee’s Outdoor Countdown,” “DLee’s First Day of School,” “DLee’s Nighttime Scare,” and “DLee’s Bad Day” (in English and Spanish) were the first five books in the series. Now the author has done it again by successfully publishing two bilingual versions of her books, “DLee’s First Day of School” and “DLee’s Color Hunt.” When asked the author said, “My hopes are to be able to design my books to be tools for children and families to either learn a new language or for English Language Learners (ELL) to strengthen their knowledge of the English language with their educators at school and families at home.”

Recently, two of DLee’s World Books: “DLee’s First Day of School” and “Un Mal Dia de DLee” have been named finalists in the International Latino Book Awards 2016. In September, the author will be attending the book awards in Los Angeles, CA.



More information can be found at <http://www.dleesworld.com/>.

Events:

Recently, the author Diana Lee Santamaria has been traveling to libraries and schools throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania areas conducting readings, and speaking to students about the importance of literacy and following their dreams. To set up an event or author visit, please go to www.dleesworld.com.

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