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TMC Teacher Named Bilingual Teacher of the Year

Laredo- Ana Aranda, a pre-school teacher at TMC's Las Milpas Center in the Rio Grande Valley Region was honored as Bilingual Teacher of the Year.

The award was given at the International Conference on Language, Life and Learning held at the Western Hemisphere Building at Texas A&M International University. The conference brought together PK – 12 educators, parents and administrators where they learned the latest research in areas such as parental involvement, early literacy, music, English as a Second Language and other topics important to the enhancement of children's learning.

Ana Aranda has been a teacher at TMC for thirteen years. As a pre-school teacher she has implemented innovative strategies that have been highly successful with children. Parents as well as colleagues have recognized her dedication to the children and families served by the Center.

Ms. Aranda has been implementing the dual language program since 2002. Under Ms. Aranda's supervision, the children have made significant gains in language development both in English and Spanish.

She has earned the respect of parents and colleagues for her genuine love of working with the children and families. Most recently she became a trainer for the *Lee y Serás* program sponsored by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). She presented the program during the annual parent conference held in April 2008 in the Rio Grande Valley.

