

Parents' First Choice for 16 Years

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Buenas Noches Three working mothers from south Florida wanted to preserve the Spanish-language lullabies they remembered from childhood, so they created "Abuelita Rosa" and "Abuelito Pancho." These dolls, dressed like "grandma" and "grandpa," sing traditional game songs and nursery rhymes in Spanish.

Conchi Myrretus, a Spanish language teacher in Richmond Public Schools, learned of the dolls while visiting her sister-in-law this summer and bought several. "I recognized most of the songs from when I was young," she says.

Myrretus plans to use the dolls in her Spanish classes at the younger elementary level, saying they're ideal for learning language.

"The songs are short enough and easy enough that kids can memorize them," she explains. Also, all the other Spanish-speaking dolls she's seen use both Spanish and English, which isn't as effective for language acquisition. "These dolls just sing in Spanish," she says.

Abuelita Rosa and Abuelito Pancho are \$29.99 each and are available online at www.babyabuelita.com.

