



### **A Brief Background on the Birdies**

Meet the Bilingual Birdies! This group of five best friends all met in New York City at Love-A-Lot Preschool, which is a multilingual school and highlights various languages from all over the world. Each of these friends comes from a different background where they speak different languages at home with their families. Three year old, Myla Birdie, is the leader of the pack and she is from Mexico. She grew up speaking Spanish at home and is extremely proud of her heritage. She's a very gregarious and brave birdie with bright yellow feathers. Myla Birdie is always looking to do the right thing while she explores and learns new things. Biko Birdie is a very funny and clumsy friend of hers who grew up speaking Spanish at home too because his grandparents are from Colombia. He learned Spanish from his grandma when he was only two years old. Now he's two and a half and loves music although he isn't the greatest dancer, due to aforementioned clumsiness! Biko is bright blue and he is a very bold and courageous birdie who sticks up for his friends and loves pizza. Zee Birdie is a four year old who is the child of hippie parents and speaks three languages - Mandarin Chinese, Portuguese and English. His family is from Macau and he truly got the best of many worlds growing up there and traveling all over the world with his family in his short four years on this planet. Those travels have taught him to respect all cultures, languages, and diverse people. He is certainly the most adventurous of the bunch always taking risks and trying his hardest to excel at gymnastics, sports and playing music. Kai Birdie is a wonderful and old soul, even though he's only three and a half years old. He was born in Beijing, China and is a lover of the accordion. He is bright red and has a heart of gold. Kai Birdie reminds his friends to never give up when they believe in something and to minimize complaining at all costs. He is a very special birdie and very wise beyond his years. Cha Cha is the final friend in the bilingual bunch who is from Haiti and speaks French. Cha Cha absolutely adores playing the drums and dancing as the music is a part of her African roots. Cha Cha is a sweetheart and is excellent at baking and eating oatmeal gluten free cookies with her mom. She's four years old and has more energy shining out of her purple feathers than any bird you've ever met. She's also a great hug giver and has an amazing laugh. All of the Bilingual Birdies love to learn about new languages and themes that relate to their world every week in school. Together they are the youngest participants igniting a bilingual education movement that they invite all to join!