Dear Students,

Welcome and congratulations on your acceptance to the University of California at Santa Cruz for your 6th grade year! We welcome you to a great, upcoming school year at EDUPRIZE! Our classroom is located in Building 3, upstairs in Room 338. I am Professor Sonya Armer, your homeroom teacher.

We are excited for the opportunity to get to know our new students and their families. But first, we would like for you to know a little bit about us!

Professor Barrera: I will be teaching math and science this year. I am a native of Arizona. My husband and I have been married for 21 years and currently reside in Gilbert. We have an energetic daughter, Tori, who will be in fifth grade. I love to travel and spend time with my family. I also enjoy gardening, reading, running, and watching Tori play soccer. I have taught for 20 years with this being my 16th year of teaching at EDUPRIZE

Professor Armer: I will be teaching ELA and social studies this year. I have 16 years of teaching experience in grades K-12, but 6th grade is my favorite! I have a wonderful husband, and I have three children who all attend EDUPRIZE. When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, playing with my dogs, running, hiking and exploring the outdoors.

In case you are curious, EDUPRIZE is starting a new incentive program this year called the Diploma Program. Each class group is representing a university, and you are going to have the opportunity to earn many different “academic degrees” throughout the year. To start the year off right, you may wish to research about UCSC over the summer. Who founded the university and in what year? What is their mascot? This will be a great opportunity for you to learn a little bit about our college!

Below, you will find our textbook and dormitory necessities. If possible, please bring your items to New Student Orientation (Open House). This will be easier than having to carry a large amount of items in on the first day of school. Open House is Monday, July 20th at 10:30 a.m. While our Open House is all day from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., our scheduled time is bolded. You will also need to buy a planner and two magazine subscriptions that day for a total of $20. We accept cash or check made payable to EDUPRIZE. We will use the planner daily in class. While online, please print and complete the Open House/Emergency Documents and bring them with you!

In order to be enrolled at EDUPRIZE, it is imperative that each student attend on time and for the entire first full day of school, Wednesday, July 22nd. We will meet students outside in the back of the building each school day. Please enter the campus through the gates, and wait outside for us each morning to come out and greet you. Our Monday–Thursday school hours are 7:45-3:10, and on Fridays we have class from 7:45-11:50. Please check the school website for any possible changes or updates before the year starts (www.eduprizeschools.net).

In addition to the mathematics and English courses you are currently enrolled in, this year you will be enrolled in the following science and social studies courses:

- Introduction to Energy (Power Plant)
- Economics 101 (Money Market)
- Botany 101 (Green House)
- Weather Investigations 101 (Storm Cellar)
- Introduction to Ancient Civilizations (Social Studies; this is a year-long course)

We are excited to start our journey together this year and know that it will be a wonderful year for our sixth graders. There is so much to learn, and it will be our honor to be your professors! GO Slugs!

Sincerely,

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- 24 #2 pencils or 2 mechanical pencils with additional lead
- 2 quality erasers
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 package of fine-tip markers
- 2 packages fine point dry erase markers
- 1 package of highlighters (assorted colors)
- 2 black sharpies
- 1 pair of scissors (adult size) (please label with your name)
- 6 glue sticks
- 1 bottle of glue
- 1 package of 3"x3" post-it notes
- 6 paper, pocket folders with brads
- 1 paper, pocket folder without brads
- 2 plastic, pocket folder with brads
- 1 package of lined paper, college ruled
- 3 spiral notebooks (nothing fancy - no pictures)
- 2 composition books
- 1 2-inch 3-ring binder for homework/math folder (any type you wish) (please label with name)
- 1 2-inch 3-ring view binder for your 6th grade portfolio (please label with your name)
- 2 packages of plastic sleeves (sheet protectors)
- 2 reams of white copy paper
- 1 cloth/plastic pencil bag for your homework binder
- 1 small pencil box for supplies in your desk  (please label with your name)
- 1 pair of ear buds/headphones (please label with your name)
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 3 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2 rolls of paper towels

Classroom Wish List:

Sharpies (black, colored, or ultra fine point tip in black), reams of card stock paper, reams of bright colored copy paper, crayons, red pens, books for our classroom library, electric pencil sharpeners, Dum-Dum suckers, Jolly Ranchers… more of anything you wish to donate!

Our supply list has been reviewed thoroughly in an effort to make it manageable for everyone. The supplies listed above are a good indication of what we use per child throughout the year. Our desire is that you are able to purchase these supplies on sale. Please feel free to join forces with someone else in our class to purchase the items in bulk.

The school year goes quite smoothly when these supplies are on hand and readily available. Please contribute what you can now. If more supplies are needed later in the year they will be announced in newsletters. As always, thank you for your continued support!