

The EAGLE Initiative

EDUPRIZE QC ~ 2022-23



Hello All!! My name is Mrs. Kelly Anderson, and I am the Gifted Specialist for EDUPRIZE, Queen Creek. I am beside myself with excitement that this will be my 23rd year in education... AND that I get to share it with you!

Born and raised in North Dakota, my husband and I moved our young family of five (3 sons) to Arizona. We have loved calling the Queen Creek/STV area home for the past 18 years. Celebrating our 28th year of marriage and now, with a family that has “grown and flown” over the past few years (we had 2 weddings within six months this past year, and another coming in September!), we are embracing change, the new adventures and our growing family... including the joys of becoming GRANDPARENTS!

I am proud to say that I was a part of the initial group of teachers that kicked off the first year of EDUPRIZE, Queen Creek back in 2007 and I sincerely believe we are a part of something very special out here. Many changes have taken place over that time and being a part of those changes is always something I embrace! While our **EAGLE** (**E**nanced, **A**cademic & **G**ifted **L**earning **E**nvironment) **I**nitiative is in its initial year, we already have a solid foundation on which to build. Our mission is to empower students to elevate their learning by accessing prior knowledge and applying it to real world problem solving. Students will be part of a learning environment that allows them to have autonomy and creative decision making in development and application beyond the core concept being pursued. As a parent within a Gifted program myself, I understand the challenges and celebrations that come with this unique learning style. In my previous school, I was the Gifted and Talented teacher for fifth grade students, and I look forward to bringing that experience with me to all students in grades 3-8 here at EDUPRIZE.

This is not an honors program, nor is it one in which your child will simply be given a higher level of the same type of work they are already doing. This is a pull-out program which will go above and beyond the instruction and enrichment in core subject areas your child will continue to receive in their regular classroom. We will employ instructional strategies specifically designed to best meet the needs of gifted learners, not in any one core subject area, but in problem solving, collaboration, perseverance, creativity, and countless similar areas. The schedules are still being developed for the new year, but please visit www.eduprizeschools.net during the summer, to check for any updated information.

If possible, please take a couple of minutes to complete the [Parent Survey](#) (also linked below) to help me get to know your child better. I look forward to meeting with you at Open House on Monday, July 19th, and will be available in my classroom, upstairs in Building 2, Room 84 from 8:30am to 3:15pm. Feel free to swing by after you meet your classroom teacher! If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to email me.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kelly Anderson

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