

Welcome to the E.A.G.L.E.s' Nest



Welcome to the newest E.A.G.L.E.s and welcome back to all of last year's feathered friends! 2023-2024 is the second exciting year of **E.A.G.L.E. Initiative** (Enhanced, Academic & Gifted Learning Environment) and we are using all of the things we learned last year to take our program to the NEXT LEVEL!

For those who don't know me yet, my name is Mrs. Nina, and I am the Gifted Specialist for EDUPRIZE, Gilbert. I am embarking on my eighteenth year of teaching, and this year I hit the big 1 - 0 (TEN!) years at EDUPRIZE. I taught 4th and 5th grade until last year when I started EDUPRIZE's first year of gifted education. I have a gifted endorsement and taught 4th and 5th grade self-contained gifted classes for two years in Sarasota, Florida.

The E.I. mission is to empower students to elevate their learning by accessing prior knowledge and applying it to real world problem solving. Students are part of a learning environment that allows them to have autonomy and creative decision making. E.I. is not an honors program, it is a pull-out program that goes above and beyond the instruction and enrichment in core subject areas your child receives in their regular classroom. In the gifted classroom (aka The E.A.G.L.E.s' Nest), I employ instructional strategies specifically designed to best meet the needs of gifted learners, not in any one subject area, but in skills like problem solving, collaboration, perseverance, creativity, based on the Gifted Program Standards from the National Association of Gifted Children.

I look forward to meeting new students and catching up with familiar ones at **Open House on Monday, July 17th!** I will be available in my classroom, #75 in building 2 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, except during a lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. Please make sure to stop by before or after visiting your regular classroom.

I am still developing my schedule and will email it out shortly after the new year begins. In the meantime, please complete my [Parent Survey](#) so I have current information on all students. During the summer, make sure to check for updates at www.eduprizeschools.net/gifted, and for more information about the gifted program. You can also see last year's highlights by checking out the [E.A.G.L.E. Album!](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me.

Sincerely,

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E.A.G.L.E. Initiative Wish List



Below is a list of items our E.A.G.L.E.s' Nest classroom uses throughout the year. I don't have a required supply list like a regular classroom, so I am very appreciative of the generous support of our E.I. families.

Most Needed

- *disinfectant wipes
- *white copy paper
- *colored copy paper
- *paper towels
- *tissue
- *hand soap
- *treasure box items
- *colored pencils
- *glue sticks

Always Appreciated

- *black Flair pens
- *black Sharpie markers
- *Crayola markers
- *dry erase markers
- *heavy duty sheet protectors
- *snacks (granola bars, individually packaged goldfish, pretzels, etc.)
- *case of water bottles

I also have an [E.A.G.L.E. Initiative Amazon Wish List](#) with items more specific to a **gifted learning environment**, such as alternative seating, sensory processing support items, and supplies to allow students to stretch their creativity.

Alternative seating and sensory processing support items help reduce the environmental stimuli that can be overwhelming to some gifted children. Having these items in our classroom creates a place gifted learners feel comfortable, and that allows them to reset before facing the challenges in the rest of their school day.

To learn more, visit the Davidson Institute for an article on [Sensory Issues in Gifted Kids](#)