



Hello **Pre-K** Families!

Welcome to Pre-K Discovery at EDUPRIZE! My name is Kelli Greenlee, and I am so excited to be your child's Pre-K teacher this year! We are going to have a wonderful time learning and discovering together. I have been teaching since 1992, but this is only my eighth year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I taught 1st, 2nd, 4th grades, and P.E., in Iowa and Chandler. Before coming to EDUPRIZE, I directed and taught a Christian Preschool & Pre-kindergarten program for 13 years. It started in my home in 2003 when my youngest was 3 years old, and then moved to a facility from 2007-2016. The youngest learners truly are my love and joy! I cannot wait to learn all about my new students and to watch them grow into life-long learners. I am so honored to be just a small part of their journey.

My journey has led me and my husband Chad from Iowa, where we were raised, and both graduated from the University of Iowa in 1993 to the Valley of the Sun in 1994. Since then, we raised our two sons- Ben, who is now married & 26 yrs. old, and Nathan, who is soon to be married and 23 yrs. old and still residing in Gilbert in their own homes within a 5-mile radius of each other. We are so blessed to be so close to one another. We enjoy hiking, swimming, playing games, cooking/baking, and watching movies together, to name a few of our *family fun nights*.

I am excited to be working with Ms. Brenda again this year! Brenda Sinclair is from North Carolina and has lived in Arizona for 8 years. She has one daughter and 4 granddaughters. She has worked with children for about 30 plus years, including working in Pre-K Sunday School class from 1979-2004, directing "Children Church" from 2004-2016, substitute teaching for K-5 for 2 years, and being an Intervention reading teacher for 1st-3rd graders for one year. She enjoys quilting, painting, and many other crafts.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Our first weeks of school will be spent learning about our *classroom* family, reviewing our classroom routines and procedures, and getting to know each other. In this class, we believe in a very balanced program where we will work on self-help skills, small and large motor skills, letter and number recognition, communication, and several other cognitive and social skills to develop the whole child. We will cover these areas using a variety of methods to ensure that learning is meaningful, fun, hands-on, and interesting for your child.



Our classroom will focus on developing cognitive skills such as recognition of the names and sounds of letters, rote counting, counting objects (1-to-1 correspondence up to 20 objects), matching quantities to numbers (1-20), recognizing numbers 1-20, first name recognition & writing, naming and identifying shapes, identifying colors, sorting by color, size, and shapes, simple patterns, and incorporating Spanish and ASL (American Sign Language) where we deem it meaningful. In Pre-kindergarten we will be developing appropriate social skills such as sharing, taking turns, playing cooperatively, role playing, and participating in group activities. Your children will learn how to express their needs and wants, answer questions, and use their words to work out disagreements.

Open House: Friday, July 14th, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Sign-up Genius every 15 minutes with 4 families-LINK WILL BE EMAILED IN JULY)

Please come to our classroom, **Room 21**, so that we can meet each other, take a classroom tour, and find where to line up outside for the first day of school

The First day of school for both the **MWF program & M-F program** is on **Monday, July 24, 2023**

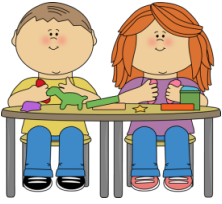
The First day of school for the **TTh program** is on **Tuesday, July 25, 2023**

Our class times are **7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** (Morning Session) or **12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** (Afternoon Session)

All Pre-K students will begin their day entering the gate on the far right of **BUILDING ONE**. Parents must sign in and out each day. Therefore, you will need to **park** in the **parking lot**, come **through the crosswalks** and down to the gate. Please **do not park or cut across the carpool lanes**. This is very dangerous and against our carpool policies. We want to be sure everyone is following our safety guidelines. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at kelli.greenlee@eduprizeschools.net. I firmly believe that you as an involved parent are your child's best teacher, and I am looking forward to being a part of the "team" to help your child be successful this coming school year.

Sincerely, *Kelli Greenlee*



2023 -2024 Suggested Pre-K Supply List

Please bring \$6 TOTAL to the Open House- Check made out to EDUPRIZE PTN or \$6 cash. Your \$6 pays for Scholastic News Pre-K- “My Big World with Clifford” THANK YOU!

SUPPLIES FOR GENERAL USE FOR THE CLASSROOM * **LAST NAME LETTERS:**

A-M WASHABLE CRAYOLA MARKERS - 10 Count



N-Z TWISTABLE CRAYONS



*** We will ask for other items for the classroom throughout the year. Thank you!**

EACH CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING DAILY TO SCHOOL:

- 1. Backpack** well-marked with name inside & without wheels and large enough for their take home folder to be brought inside
- 2. Snack Bag or Box** packed with a peanut/nut free healthy snack
- 3. Water Bottle** well-marked with name
- 4. Change of clothes in a labeled baggie** (ie. Eva M-F PM) including socks, underwear, shorts/pants, and shirt
- 5. CLOSE-TOED SHOES MUST** be worn- please have them wear velcro or slip-ons with socks for ease of dumping the sand out at recess :)