

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Mrs. DeFina (Rm. 84),
Mrs. Pochiro (Rm. 85),
& Mrs. Hawman (Rm.83)

Welcome to an exciting year in 6th grade! This year you will get the opportunity to switch classes between Mrs. Defina, Mrs. Pochiro, and Mrs. Hawman.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you at our **Open House on Thursday, July 18th from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.** Open House is a great way to meet your teacher and help you get ready for the upcoming school year!

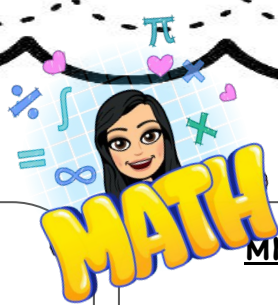
Our **first day of school is Tuesday, July 23rd**. Our regular day program is Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. and on Fridays class is from 7:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **STUDENTS MUST BE ON TIME AND PRESENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TO BE CONSIDERED ENROLLED AT EDUPRIZE.** At Open House you will receive information about where to line up OUTSIDE on the first day of school. We will be there on the first day at **7:40 am** to bring you into the classroom.

Chromebook Loaner Agreement –you must have this filled out digitally before picking up your chromebook at Open House
Log in to your parent portal in Infinite Campus

1. Go to the School Store
2. Go to Queen Creek Shop
3. Go to QC Device Agreement
4. Review, complete, and submit the form



Mrs. DeFina
ELA



Mrs. Pochiro
MATH



Mrs. Hawman
COTTAGE/SOCIAL STUDIES

Meet
Your
Teachers

Hello! I am Mrs. DeFina and I will be your child's ELA teacher this year! I have been teaching for 21 years, 17 of them at EDUPRIZE! I graduated from ASU with a degree in Elementary Education and have taught ELA in sixth grade for 11 years. I am married and have four kids: Chloe, Rafael, Mateo, and Maria. Maria is a fourth grader and the rest are all adults! We also have our grandchild, Violeta, and one on the way in September!! I absolutely LOVE to read (and swim) and hope I can encourage your child to love reading as well. In ELA we do a fair amount of writing and my goal is for my students to feel successful at that as well. Written expression is so important now, and moving forward, in education. I can't wait to meet each and every one of you!

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Hey there 6th grade! It's Mrs. Pochiro. I am beyond thrilled to be your math teacher for the upcoming school year. We have so many new and exciting concepts to learn this year. This will be my fifth year teaching, and 6th grade happens to be the best grade ever! We will explore ratios, inequalities, equations, and so much more! When I'm not grading papers or planning lessons, you can bet I'm with my family. I have been married to my best friend for 10 years and we have three amazing kiddos. They're kinda my hobby, but I also enjoy photography and crafts, and baked goods! Math isn't everyone's favorite subject, but I will strive to make each of you gain confidence in your math abilities, and have some fun along the way. We are sure to have an awesome year together!

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Welcome back to another fabulous school year! I am Amber Hawman, and I am thrilled to be teaching 6th grade science and social studies at EDUPRIZE for the 2024-2025 school year. A little bit about me: I was raised in AZ and graduated from Winslow High School. My husband and I have been married the past 24 years and we have lived all over the country. I have four beautiful kids that keep me very busy with all their extracurricular activities! I also love acting, watching movies, cooking, and spending time with my family.

We will be studying four new and exciting cottages: **Atomic Avenue, Rainforest, Observatory, and Imperial Highway.** I can't wait to meet you all very soon!

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EDUPRIZE SCHOOLS 6th Grade Supply List

**Please note: students will be moving to different classrooms throughout the day and most of their supplies will travel with them. Please label personal supplies with your child's name.

CHECK OFF	QUANTITY	ITEM	USAGE - PERSONAL - LABEL CHILD'S NAME CLASS - BRING TO OPEN HOUSE
	1	Ream of white copy paper	class
	2	Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth or wireless); these are SO important. One pair will be kept in the classroom and one pair in the backpack.	personal
	1	Basic Function calculator	personal
	1	1 subject notebook	personal
	1	Pocket folder(s) or a binder, however you prefer to organize yourself	personal
	3-5	Highlighters, any color	personal
	1 pack	THIN dry erase markers	class
	2 pack	Markers (thin or regular)	personal & class
	1	Ruler	personal
	2 pack	Colored pencils	Personal & class
	2 packs	Regular pencils	personal
	2	Composition notebooks for cottage and social studies	personal
	1 pair	Scissors	personal
	2	Black Sharpies (ULTRA FINE)	class
	10	Glue sticks; these are used all year long in social studies and science, the more the better!	class
	1	White glue bottle	class
	1 roll	Paper towels	class
	1	Box of tissues	class
	1	Sanitizing wipes	class
	1	Adult coloring book; kids love these on heat advisory days!	Wish List
	1	Treasure Box (chocolates, sweets, chips, cookies, dollar store 'toys,' water bottle stickers) Teachers love to reward with these items!	Wish List