

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to a great, upcoming school year at EDUPRIZE! Our names are Mrs. Tornow and Mrs. Turner (Gorman), and we will be your 6th grade PM TOPS teachers this year! We are so excited to be team teaching again this year- switching off days throughout the week to balance being at home with our families and to be at school with our wonderful students! This year our cottages will be: Atomic Avenue, Rainforest, and Observatory. We are excited for the opportunity to get to know you and your families. But first, we would like to tell you a little bit about ourselves!

Mrs. Tornow: This will be my 12th year teaching at EDUPRIZE, and I'm excited to be team teaching with Mrs. Turner! I have always taught 5th and 6th grade, and my favorite subjects are math and science- I hope that you like those, too! Outside of the classroom, I love to travel to new places, play with my dog (Boston) and kids, go hiking and camping, eat good food, and play games. I also love spending as much time as possible with my family. My husband Andrew and I have two sweet boys: Carter is a busy three year old and Cole will be two in December. I'm looking forward to meeting our wonderful students, and I know that this school year will be the best one yet!

Mrs. Turner (Gorman): This year, I look forward to team teaching with Mrs. Tornow. Born and raised right here in the great state of Arizona, I am a D-Backs fan, an NAU graduate, and an outdoor enthusiast (the summer heat means swimming!). My husband, Brent, and I have two wonderful kids: Flynn is four and Adaline will be two at the end of July. Our goldendoodle, Daffee, is playful and matches Flynn's energy! I believe that children learn in an environment that thrives when a child's individuality is cared for and a community is built upon each child's respect for one another. This is going to be a tremendous year. I cannot wait to meet our fabulous students!

We have high expectations for our students. We LOVE teaching lessons that are interesting and exciting, so we expect our students to be responsible and show good character to their peers and teachers. Parent volunteering is important to us! Interest forms will be sent home in the first weeks of school.

Open House is Thursday, July 17th from 3:00 – 7:00 pm for ALL grades. We are having a special Open House to celebrate our 30 years of education! The celebration will be BIG and will include meeting your teachers, seeing their classrooms, picking up important papers and carpool information, dropping off supplies AND celebrating together with food trucks and PTO activities. It will be a family fun night!

We are excited to start our journey together, and know that it will be a wonderful year! There is so much to learn, and it is our honor to be your teachers for it all! Enjoy the rest of summer, and we will see you soon!

IMPORTANT EAGLE INFO!

Open House Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Recommended Time for Our Class: 5:00-6:30 pm

Reminder: Please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Program: PM TOPS

Schedule: 10:40 am – 3:40 pm Mon - Fri

Students should be on campus, ready to line up 5 minutes prior to the start time listed above.

Building # 2 Room # 78 Extension # 2780

Teacher email addresses:

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You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.

The first day of school is TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025.

All students must be on-time and present the entire day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.

Welcome to our Classroom!

Mrs. Tornow and Mrs. Turner Supply List

Please keep the following items in your child's backpack to bring on the first day of school (this year, students will not be using tubs in their desks like in years past). We will help students figure out how to organize and label these items during the first week of school.

- **\$5 payment to Infinite Campus for a planner**
- (1) pkg of plastic sheet protectors (at least 25)
- (2) spiral notebooks (70 page- not perforated)
- (5) paper pocket folders **with prongs** (green, blue, yellow, purple and orange)
- (1) pencil box for supplies OR a pencil pouch
- (1) box **pre-sharpened** yellow pencils OR 2-3 mechanical pencils with replacement lead
- (1) pkg of various colored highlighters
- (1) calculator with basic functions (+, -, ÷, x)
- (1) box of colored pencils (Crayola preferred)
- (1) pair of pointy tip scissors
- (1) package of glue sticks
- (1) ruler with inches and centimeters clearly marked
- (1) package of **skinny tip Expo** dry erase markers (any color but yellow)
- (1) pair of earbuds or headphones (with wire)

Shared Optional Supplies (If possible, please bring these items to Open House)

- reams of white or colored copy paper
- lined paper, college ruled
- boxes of tissues
- containers of Clorox/Lysol wipes
- paper towels
- lined index cards
- Papermate Flair pens (dark colors preferred)
- black fine point Sharpies
- chisel tip Expo dry erase markers
- Crayola markers (classic AND fine line)

Classroom Wish List:

Lysol spray, Sharpies (black, colored, or ultra-fine point tip), pencil top erasers, whiteboard cleaner, reams of cardstock paper, reams of bright colored copy paper, pencils, water bottles, books for our classroom library, gift cards to craft or office supply stores, individually packaged snacks, lamination sheets, Dum-Dum suckers, Jolly Ranchers... more of anything you wish to donate!

The above 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. My 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. As always, thank you for your continued support!