WELCOME TO THE E.A.G.L.E. INITIATIVE GIFTED PROGRAM



Welcome to the newest E.A.G.L.E.s, and welcome back to all of last year's feathered friends! For those who don't know me yet, my name is Mrs. Nina, and I am the Gifted Specialist for EDUPRIZE Gilbert. This is my 20th year of teaching, and my 12th year at EDUPRIZE. I taught 4th & 5th grade until 2022 when I started EDUPRIZE's gifted program, E.A.G.L.E Initiative. I have a Gifted Education Endorsement and five years of experience teaching gifted students. I am also the mother of two (now grown) gifted learners and understand on a personal level the joys and challenges specific to parenting gifted kids.

The E.A.G.L.E. Initiative's (Enhanced Academic & Gifted Learning Environment) mission is *to empower students to elevate their learning by accessing prior knowledge and applying it to real world problem-solving. E.I. Students are part of a learning environment that allows them autonomy and creative decision making.* E.I. is not an honors program; it is a pull-out program that goes above and beyond the core subject instruction and enrichment 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 areas such as problem-solving, creativity, and self-understanding based on standards from the National Association of Gifted Children.

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! This BIG celebration will include meeting your teachers & seeing their classrooms (**please be sure to come see me in building 2, room #75 before or after visiting your regular classroom)**, picking up important papers & carpool information, and dropping off supplies, not to mention celebrating together with food trucks and PTO activities. It will be a family fun night!

I will email my schedule when it's been finalized, shortly after school starts. In the meantime, to ensure that I have current student info, please complete the applicable form below:

- NEW Gifted Student Info Form
- Returning Gifted Student Info Form

To learn more about our gifted program, and answer any question you may have, please view the FAQ at <u>eduprize.com/gifted</u>. I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House!

Sincerely, Mrs. Morgan Nina Gifted Specialist E.A.G.L.E. Initiative Gifted Program EDUPRIZE Schools, Gilbert morgan.nina@eduprize.com

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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	Always Appreciated
*disinfectant wipes	*heavy duty sheet protectors
*paper towels	*colored & black Sharpies
*boxes of tissue	*colored & black Flair pens
*treasure box items	*origami paper
	*glue gun sticks
	*case of water bottles
	<pre>*snacks (individually packaged)</pre>

I also have an <u>E.A.G.L.E. Initiative Amazon Wish List</u> with some of the items listed above, as well as items more specific to a **gifted learning environment**, such as flexible seating and sensory processing support items.

Flexible 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 <u>Sensory Issues in</u> <u>Gifted Kids</u>.