

Asijie

Hey everyone! I'm Alesha Asijie pronounced uh-see-jee entering my 12th year of teaching. Native to Arizona, but left to earn my Bachelors degree from the University of Georgia. As a scholarship track and field student-athlete, I competed in the shot put, weight and hammer throws. Go Dawgs, Sic' Em! I am very passionate about my alma mater and Atlanta, Georgia is my second home. I am a proud mom to my beautiful 2 year old daughter Xylah and love every minute of motherhood.

#mytwin

I believe in the power of positivity. I encourage students to remind themselves the way they speak to themselves matters.

Thrilled to be reAsijurning for year 3 with the Eduprize



Eagles family. 8th Grade Math & 8th Grade Honors Math

Personal supplies

- Spiral notebook (math only) ○

Pencils

- Scientific calculator

(Examples: TI-30XS / Casio) ○

Graphing paper

- Highlighters

- Colored pencils

- Erasers

- Scissors

- Glue sticks

- Personal expo markers

Classroom wish list

- Clorox wipes

- Tissues

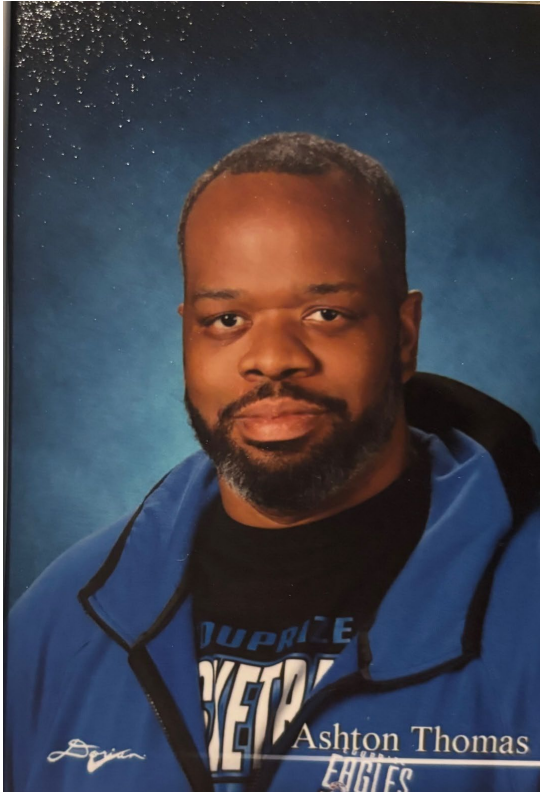
- Hand sanitizer ○ Expo markers

- Pencils

Coach Ashton

Ashton Thomas

Physical Education Teacher



I have been developing and teaching basketball players as young as 8 years old for ten plus years now and have transpired that same passion and work ethic into my classroom for the past 5 years as a physical education teacher. My priority is making sure that all students have a creative, safe and supportive learning environment. My vision for students is to show them that exercise can be fun and will have a positive impact on their life, the goal is to get them moving. I also strive to be a resource for them outside of the classroom, allowing them to have an open and safe space where they feel comfortable and know that they have someone to advocate for them, offer support, mentoring and guidance. I will leave you with a quote that I try to instill in my students and I personally live by, “it’s not

whether you get knocked down, it’s whether you get up” - Vince Lombardi.

Supply list :

- Jump Ropes
- Resistance bands
- Yoga Mats
- Flags for football
- Frisbees
- Step aerobic boxes
- Badminton racquets and birdies
- Tee ball sets
- Soccer goals

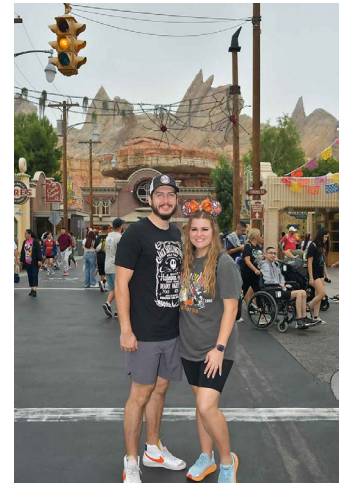
Foreman



Hi there,

I am thrilled to be an EDUPRIZE Eagle! This will be my 6th year teaching and I am super excited to connect with my students and watch them learn! A little about me, I married my high school sweetheart. We met at one of my softball tournaments and I just knew he was the one! We had our first baby in March 2025, Raiden, we have a pet dog, Loki, and a pet jumping spider, Lucas! I love doing outdoor activities such as paddle boarding, biking, hiking, running, swimming, and more! Since I love all adventures, I would have to say I enjoy traveling the most! I am a Disney Adult, so anything Disney I am obsessed with! My goal is to visit all SIX Disney Theme Parks! I have been to Disneyland California, Disney World in Orlando, and Tokyo Disney! Only three more to go!

I received my bachelors degree from Northern Arizona University in Math Education! I grew up always wanting to be a teacher and thought I was pretty good at math, so why not be a math teacher! Now I LOVE teaching math at the high school level!



Class Supplies:

- Pencil / Eraser
- Colored Pens (black, blue, red)
- Highlighters
- 3 Ring Binder (at least 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch)
- Folder
- College Ruled Filler Paper
- Dry Erase Marker
- Glue Sticks or Tape
- Scientific Calculator (with trigonometry capability such as SIN, COS, and TAN)
- Compass / Protractor / Ruler

Donation and Wish List:

- Dry Erase Markers (EXPOS)
- Paper (white/colored)
- Clorox Wipes
- Rolls of Tape (duct/masking/clear)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Markers/Highlighters/Colored Pens/#2 Pencils
- College Ruled Filler Paper
- Glue Sticks
- Tissues
- Earbuds

Glaser

Good to meet you Eagles! My name is Mr. Jeremy Glaser and this will be my 4th year with Eduprize. I am a good old boy from the frozen tundra of Bismarck, North Dakota where people talk a little goofy 😊 I have been teaching History and Coaching since 2006 with a background in Marketing. While teaching marketing, I also worked for NBC, CBS, FOX, and CW. I graduated with a B.A. in Social Behavioral Science with my minor in History and Coaching. I continued my education and received my M.A. in secondary education from Grand Canyon University.

When I am not teaching, I usually am in a basketball gym or on a football field either coaching or officiating. I have a wonderful and amazing Wife, Dawn and 4 beautiful children; Madison 25, Landon, 20, Redik 18, and Greyson 7. I am a passionate and loud individual with an excitement for continuing to learn from my students. I can't wait to get to meet all of you and have the chance to teach you a thing or two. Let's get it!



Required supplies:

- College Ruled notebook dedicated entirely for my class
- One pocket folder
- Pencils
- A Positive attitude and willingness to learn everyday

Class supplies wish list:

- Ream of paper
- Clorox wipes
- Rolls of paper towels
- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex

Hall

I am excited to be part of the Eduprize family this year. I will be teaching elementary, junior high, high school band and IB Music.

I have been a working musician, sound engineer, arranger, and teacher since 1996. My musical experience includes playing tuba and bass with various groups; styles including classical, jazz, dixie land, rock, country and hip hop. I studied tuba at Arizona State University and finished my music education degree from Ottawa University. I taught junior high in Gilbert, Arizona for two years and high school band, jazz band, marching band, and guitar in Tempe, Arizona for ten years.

I am looking forward to creating fun moments of creativity in music the with the Eduprize band students.

Required supplies

Band Instrument

Instrument Supplies (reed, oil, sticks, mallets)

Band Book

Pencil

Hargus

Megan Hargus

8th Grade English: On-Level & Honors



Hello!

I am Mrs. Hargus and I am excited to be your 8th Grade ELA teacher this year! I graduated from Arizona State University in 2006 with a Bachelor's in Journalism and Mass Communication. I continued my education earning a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2008 and went on to teach 4th and 5th grade for several years as team lead until I made the decision to take a break from full-time teaching to be a stay-at-home mom.

Having had the pleasure of substitute teaching at Eduprize Gilbert over the last several years and the honor of teaching 9th grade ELA last year, I am excited to experience and excel in the 8th grade ELA space. I have grown to love my interactions and connections with the secondary students and look forward to the opportunity to serve as their 8th grade English Language Arts teacher.

My husband and I are proud parents to Kurt (11th Grade), Carson (9th Grade) and Kinley (6th Grade). When I'm not in the classroom, I enjoy traveling and discovering the hidden gems of Arizona. Our most recent trip included Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly to name a few.

I look forward to a **great** year!

REQUIRED 8th Grade English: On-Level and Honors

- Computer and charger- seriously, we use it every single class!
- Wired Earbuds
- Assorted Highlighters/Pens/Pencils
- 1 Single Pocket Folder w/ prongs (plastic material) - to hold loose work-in-progress papers
- Heavy duty page protectors (about 10)
- 1 Composition Notebook
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- 1 Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Box of Kleenex
- 1 Box Clorox Wipes

Teacher Wish List Always Appreciated!

The items in the classroom Amazon Wish List are not required, however, they are items that will make our classroom environment more enjoyable and collaborative. At the beginning of the year, most of these items are extremely inexpensive at Walmart and do not need to be purchased from Amazon. This list is meant to be an example of the items our classroom needs. **Any quantity and/or**

brand are appreciated!

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Hollenbeck

Kara Hollenbeck

Welcome back to school! This is my 9th year teaching Art at EDUPRIZE. I love the sense of community that families and faculty experience here- my own children attended EDUPRIZE from 2006-2022.

I received my Bachelor's in Art Education at Arizona State University. I have a great passion for drawing, painting, and creating all types of art, as well as teaching students to love and participate in the Arts!

Besides making art, I also love to read, listen to music, and go on adventures with my family. I enjoy participating in art in the community, like the Chalk-a-Lot competition in the Tempe Festival of the Arts. I enjoy being able to share art with others to make the world a little more beautiful. I'm looking forward to sharing that passion for art with students this upcoming school year!



Required supplies:

- 9x12 spiral bound (bound on the SIDE not top) **sketchbook (not lined!!)** Available at Walmart, Target, Michaels. Inexpensive but quality examples: [here](#) and [here](#)
- Pocket folder (with students name and period on the front) ● 1 regular and 1 thin Sharpie
- WOOD Pencils (yellow #2) and a pink eraser (or **click eraser-** [here](#)) ● Set of colored pencils (at least 12) [here](#)
- Hand held pencil sharpener (non-electric)
- Ruler

Class supplies wish list:

- Ream of white paper
- Clorox wipes
- Large & small Ziploc bags
- Tissues

Jackson



Hello, I am Mr. Jackson, I was born and raised in Washington State. I graduated high school in 2010 and attended Washington State University where I graduated with a degree in Industrial/Occupational Psychology in 2014. After a year of working for Amazon I quit and backpacked through New Zealand, worked odd jobs, and met people from around the world. Upon returning to the United States I worked for small local businesses and expanded their distribution networks into new markets. In 2022 I began working towards my degree in education. I am starting my third year at EDUPRIZE and I'm excited to be teaching World History, U.S. History and Psychology. I love history because it teaches us empathy and how to look at the world through multiple lenses. Psychology teaches us about human behavior, enhances our ability to critically think and increases our self-awareness.

Supplies Students Need

- Pencils (mechanical or #2)
- Pens (Black and Blue)
- Three Prong Folder
- Highlighters
- headphones/earbuds (must be wired... wireless headphones are not allowed in the classroom or at school)
- Computer Charger (the schools supplies it, but students are required to bring it every day to school)

Teacher wish list

- Paper Towels/ Tissues
- Pencils, Pencils, Pencils
- Hand sanitizer
- Lysol/clorox wipes

Nestegard

Hello, I am Mr. Nate. I was born and raised in Montana. I graduated high school in 2006. Upon graduating, I worked for a year, and then decided I wanted to get out of my small town, and travel the world. The first access I had to travel and experience different parts of the world was through volunteer missionary work. I traveled to the West Indies, and lived there for two years. I was able to live in many different countries including: St. Lucia, Trinidad, St. Vincent, Barbados, and Guyana. When I returned, I began working towards an education degree. I went to school in a few different states, and one country: Montana, Hawaii, Utah, and Norway. I completed my schooling at Utah State University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with an emphasis in mathematics. I stayed in Utah and taught at a public charter school for four years, and then was convinced to move to Arizona. I started at EDUPRIZE in 2019, and have enjoyed my time here. I ask my students to approach learning math with this in mind; math is a learned skill (not genetic), everyone has to learn math before they can do math. Some people are more talented than others, but talent can only get you so far. Hard work and dedication are the true indicators of success in learning.

Supply List:

*All items: as many as you would like to donate.

Expo Markers (Any color)

Printer paper

Kleenex

Paper towels

Lysol wipes (Clorox wipes)

Student snacks: water bottles, crackers, granola bars, chips, etc. (something that can be stored and ready for a student who needs something to eat or drink).

Students need to have:

Math journal (composition notebook)

Loose leaf notebook paper

Graph paper

Graphing or scientific calculator

Resek

Mario Resek

This is my 8th year teaching Spanish and my fourth year teaching at Eduprize Gilbert. I am originally from Argentina and I love teaching my native language. I believe learning a second language can bring many interesting opportunities to the students' lives. I met my wife, who is from California, thanks to my knowledge of the English language. Then, she learned Spanish so now we can communicate in both languages with our children.

I received my Master's degree in Health and Education in Argentina so I have a vast experience instructing patients when I lived in Argentina, and now, educating students of this great institution.

I love to teach how to read, write, speak and listen in Spanish to my students. Learning a new vocabulary and grammar is always challenging but once they start discovering that they can dominate those four skills they become more excited and engaged in the subject.

Supply List

1 College Ruled Composition Notebook (This will be for taking notes and studying)

2 Folders with pockets (for keeping homework and printouts to help study for quizzes and tests)

Pencils or mechanical pencils and pens

2 Boxes of tissues

1 Expo Marker



Schollmeyer

Barb Schollmeyer

I am very excited to be teaching at EDUPRIZE again this school year. I have been teaching for 16 years. I was born in Kentucky, but then moved to Arizona when I was in high school. (I consider myself an Arizona native.) I went to Northern Arizona University, where I received my bachelor's degree in Developmental Psychology. I received my teaching certificate for Special Education, Cross-categorical, after having a family and being called to teaching. I have three children, 2 girls and a boy, and we love spending time together. I enjoy hiking and spend most weekends on a mountain to start my morning off right! I now have 2 grandsons who are my world and the light of my life.

Wish List

We are always in need of the following items:

Paper Towels

Clorox Wipes

Boxes of Tissue

Expo Markers

Lined Paper

Tape

Pencils

Glue Sticks

Candy/small toys (reward bin)

Spezzano

Amanda Spezzano

I have been teaching at EDUPRIZE for 7 years now. I have been teaching for 17 years. I was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, but then moved to Arizona when I was 6 months old. (I consider myself an Arizona native). I was the third generation to graduate from Mesa High School. After graduating, I went to Arizona State University, where I got my bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English. I always had a passion for math, so I went back and got my math certification as well. In 2022, I received my master's degree in curriculum and instruction. In 2024, I completed my post-baccalaureate in Special Education. I have two children, a girl and a boy, and we love to do different kinds of activities together.



Supply List:

- Spiral or Composition Notebook (for notes- all classes except for 12th grade math)
- Scientific Calculator
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Markers/Colored pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Wired Headphones

Wish List

We are always in need of the following items:

- Boxes of Tissue
- Clorox Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Expo Markers
- Lined Paper
- Tape
- Pencils
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors

Stalder

Greetings Students and Families!

Welcome back to what will be a truly adventurous school year I am sure. This 2025-2026 school year will be my 11th year of teaching math and science! Once upon a time I was even a student teacher at EDUPRIZE in the very same classroom I teach in today! (It's a small world after all!) Originally from California, so I love the ocean! I am a proud Hufflepuff who has always loved art, reading, cooking, music, swimming, and cats! I love learning and figuring out solutions for puzzles and try to apply that to my teaching every day. I am looking forward to navigating the school year alongside students and families. Throughout this new year, we will conquer difficulties, solve problems, discover new things, create, laugh (hopefully a lot), grow, and learn! Together, we will work through whatever fabulous struggles and challenges may come our way.

- Sara Stalder -

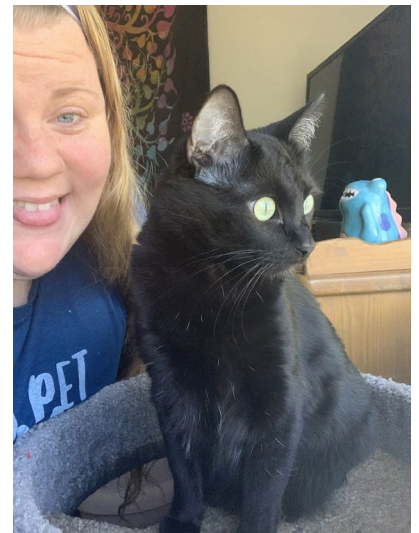


Students **MUST HAVE**:

- 1 composition notebook for science (**NOT** SPIRAL)
- Scientific calculator TI-30XIIS (label with your name)
- Pencils & pens for your own use
- Your own set of Highlighters

Classroom Wish List:

- Pencils!!!!!!!!!!!! (I swear kids eat them or something with how much we go through them!)
- Glue sticks, Glue sticks, and more glue sticks!
- Did I mention glue sticks yet?
- Hand sanitizer / clorox wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tissues
- White Copy Paper
- Wait, I don't think I mentioned glue sticks yet....



Taysom



I started teaching at **Tempe High School** in 1985 after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Science at Southern Utah State College (now Southern Utah University). I earned a Master's in Education at Arizona State University. I also am certified in Career Technology Education.

I have taught Chemistry, Physics, Honors Physics, Physical World, Chemistry/Physics, Honors Chemistry/Physics, Multi-Media Design, Information Technology, A+ Computer Repair, and Cisco Networking. I also taught A+ Computer Repair, BPC 170, for 20 semesters at Chandler-Gilbert Community College, and DOS at Gateway College.

For 15 summers I worked at **Camp Geronimo** for the BSA. I really enjoy working there.

Six summers ago, I played Grandpa in Virginia. I will spend 2 weeks there this summer after doing Physics Modeling this summer at ASU.

I am excited to teach my 8th year at EDUPRIZE teaching, StRUT (computer repair), Conceptual Physics and Chemistry.

Students NEED

composition note book (quad ruled (Graph paper) or College Rule with pages sewn in place!) They probably need 2.

NO Spiral notebooks.

- Pencil (calculations and graphing)
- Blue ink pen (notes-students remember best if they write in Blue.)
- RED pen & highlighters
- scientific calculator minimum
- scotch tape for notebook (I provide staplers & staples-NO TAPE)

WISH LIST -Items NEEDED for better classroom instruction

-Printer paper- 2 reams per student

- Kleenex- 1 box
- Paper towels- 2 rolls

EXTRA IS APPRECIATED!!!!!!!

Tomaso

Kristen Tomaso

Social Studies/AVID Teacher

Hello Eduprize Eagles! My name is Kristen Tomaso, and I will be teaching 8th Grade Social Studies and an AVID elective for the 2025-26 school year. I earned my bachelor's degree in Social Studies Secondary Education from Brigham Young University–Idaho. I am entering my sixth year of teaching and am excited to begin my second year at Eduprize!

As a social studies educator, my teaching philosophy centers on equipping students with the critical thinking skills necessary to understand and analyze the world around them. I strive to help students make meaningful connections between historical and contemporary topics and their own lives, empowering them to become informed, engaged citizens.

I look forward to a great school year, and am asking that you make sure your student has the following items for my class. I have also included a donation list and a link and QR code for Amazon wish list items for our classroom. If you would like to or are able to donate classroom supplies/items, I would really appreciate it! Thank you!



*** = general classroom supplies**

Social Studies Student Supply List

- plastic folder w/prongs for binding 3 hole punched papers
- green, pink, and yellow highlighters
- *loose leaf binder paper
- *scissors
- *pencils
- *3x5 index cards
- *wired headphones
- *colored pencils
- *erasers
- *dry erase markers



AVID Student Supply List

- 3 Ring Binder (2")
- binder dividers with tabs (5 minimum)
- green, pink, and yellow highlighters
- *loose leaf binder paper
- *scissors
- *pencils
- *3x5 index cards
- *wired headphones
- *colored pencils
- *pencil holder
- *erasers
- *dry erase markers

Donation List

- paper towels
- hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- facial tissue
- bleach wipes
- highlighters
- glue sticks
- scissors
- rulers
- printer paper
- loose leaf paper
- dry erase markers (large and small)
- pencils

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/23UA1S8DG2ZNS?ref=wl_share

Vargas

Edgardo's Bio

I graduated with honors from University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, with a bachelor's degree in English. Altogether, I have over ten years of professional experience as a teacher. I've had the opportunity to work in both private and public schools in Florida and Puerto Rico. I have taught Math, English, Science and Spanish. One of the things I've enjoyed the most about teaching is meeting lots and lots of students so full of energy and talents. It's a challenge and at the same time, a pleasure and honor to serve these students. Being a teacher has helped me develop a positive attitude, flexibility, and creativity, which in the end is a blessing in my daily life. My second passion is coaching. I coached semi-professional, Junior Varsity, Varsity and club Volleyball in Puerto Rico and the United States. I am married and we have three children. We enjoy going to athletic events and outdoor activities. Both, my wife and I are teachers and we love it.

Supply List

1 College Ruled Composition Notebook (This will be for taking notes and studying)

1 Folder with pockets (for keeping homework to help study for quizzes and tests)

Color Pencils or crayons, scissors and glue stick

Five Number 2 Pencils or Mechanical Pencils

Pack of Pencils

Handheld Pencil Sharpener

2 Reams of Paper

4 Expo Markers

Calculator Scientific or TI 84 (Math Students only)

Wheeler

Hello students and families,

I'm thrilled to be part of the 7th-grade team this year. I was born and raised in Idaho. My family loves to learn and travel. There has never been a plane I didn't want to get on to experience and discover new things. I think those family trips started my great love of history and exploration. I graduated with an advanced degree in history and literature. My husband was in the military, which allowed me to live and teach in many parts of the world. I come from a family of educators, so I have always loved school, and I hope you also love it. Besides travel, my favorite things are reading, hiking, camping, water sports, dog agility, and skiing. I hope this is a year of great adventures and exploration for all of us. – Ms. Wheeler



Required Materials for Instructions:

1. A composition book
2. Writing utensils (mechanical or regular pencils)
3. Ballpoint pens: red, green, black, or blue (preferably two different dark colors)
4. Organization system for your worksheets (such as folders or a plastic accordion folder)
5. Highlighters
6. Scissors
7. 4 glue sticks
8. Dry-erase marker
9. 2 reams of paper
10. 3 boxes of tissues (Kleenex)
11. Scissors

Youssef

Onastasia Youssef

9th and 11th Grade English, AVID

Hello everyone!

Happy Fall! I am the 9th and 11th grade ELA teacher here at EDUPRIZE. This year, I will also be teaching the AVID elective for our high school students. The 2025-2026 school year will be my 2nd year at EDUPRIZE, and my 6th year as a high school educator.

I received my Bachelor's degree from Chatham University in both English and Art History in 2014, and my Master's in Secondary Education in 2018. I came to Arizona shortly after receiving my Master's, and am certified to teach 7th-12th grade English and History. In addition to my career as a classroom teacher, I am also a published writer and journalist.

In my free time, I enjoy exploring Arizona's art museums and coffee shops, sharpening my photography skills, writing poetry, singing, and going to as many musicals and movies as is humanly possible.

Looking forward to a great semester!

Required Supplies for ELA:

- 1 spiral notebook dedicated to this subject
- 1 pocket folder dedicated to this subject
- 1 class planner
- Pencils and highlighters
- 1 set of [wired headphones](#)

Required Supplies for AVID:

- Highlighters (1 yellow, 1 green, 1 pink)
- 1 two-inch binder
- 1 set of dividers
- 1 spiral notebook dedicated to this subject
- 1 pocket folder dedicated to this subject
- Pack of sheet protectors
- 1 class planner
- Pencils
- 1 set of [wired headphones](#)

Class Wish List:

- Tissues
- Hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes
- Expo markers

- Pencils
- Sharpies
- Paper towels