

Welcome to Kindergarten



Hello, and welcome to EDUPRIZE! My name is Kayla Cortez, and I am excited to be your child's AM Kindergarten teacher. This will be my fourth year at EDUPRIZE! I look forward to having your child in my class!



This will be my 7th year teaching. I previously taught Kindergarten and moved to First grade four years ago. I am so excited to be back in Kindergarten this year with you. It is such a fun and magical grade!

I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Northern Arizona University in 2018. I am originally from Willowick, Ohio, but have lived in Arizona for the last 13 years. On March 27th, my husband and I welcomed our first baby into the world! Her name is Victoria, but we call her Tori for short. We absolutely love being parents and love discovering her little personality. She is currently babbling with us, and it is so fun to chit chat with her! In our free time, we like playing nerdy card games like Star Wars Unlimited and Lorcan.

Your child will be exploring four different thematic units this year. At EDUPRIZE, we call these units "cottages." Each cottage is full of hands-on learning experiences. The Kindergarten Cottages are the following: All About Me, Celebrations, Habitats & Life Cycles.

Open House is planned for Thursday, July 17th, 2025. Our scheduled time to meet is from 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in room 18. You will be able to meet me, see our classroom, and drop off supplies.

Please bring your child's supplies to school with you on the day of Open House. (Our supply list is on the next page.) There will be areas for you to sort the supplies, as well as a few tasks for you to do to help your child get organized before the first day of school. If you are unavailable during our scheduled time, I will be available periodically throughout the day.

Our first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd. AM Kindergarten starts at 7:15 a.m. Your child must be prompt and present the full first day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE. You will drop your child off by the Kinder gate, and I will meet them on the playground. The pick up time will be 12:10.

I look forward to meeting you and your family! If you have any questions or concerns about the school year, please do not hesitate to contact me. The best way to reach me is through email. My email address is kayla.cortez@Eduprize.com.

I look forward to our partnership. Thank you in advance for all you will do to make this a wonderful school year for your child!

Thank you,
Mrs. Cortez



Welcome to Kindergarten



Please bring the following school supplies to the Open House on Thursday, July 17th, 2025 anytime between 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. in room 18. This will allow me to store the supplies and have a smooth start on the first day of school. Some items will be used as a classroom set, so **please do not write your child's name on the supplies unless it is indicated.** Thank you very much for contributing to our classroom!

1- wide-ruled spiral notebook (any design/color)

1- standard size pencil box (no zippers/buckles) we put nametags on top w/ Velcro

1- pair of blunt children's scissors

3- 24 count box of Crayola crayons they prefer

1- set of headphones without a volume adjuster (no earbuds please) please place in a gallon ziplock bag with their name on it

1 blue, **plastic** pocket folder **with metal fasteners**

1 red, **plastic** pocket folder **with metal fasteners**

8- Elmer's glue sticks

2- packages of Expo thin black dry erase markers

1 package of copy paper

2- packages of Clorox or disinfectant wipes

1- box of tissues

1- roll of paper towels

1- bottle of hand soap

Boys: Gallon sized Ziplock bags with built in zipper (1 package)

Girls: Sandwich sized Ziplock bags (1 package)

Teacher Wish List

Click [here](#) for our class Wishlist.

