

Welcome to 6th Grade!

Mrs. DeFina (Rm. 84),
Mrs. Pochiro (Rm. 85),
& Ms. Sutton (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 Ms. Sutton.

We are looking forward to meeting all of you at our **Open House** on **Friday, 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!

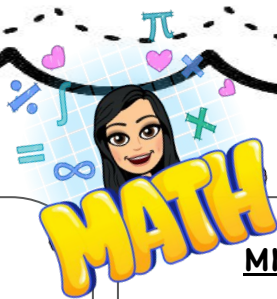
Our **first day of school is Tuesday, July 22nd**. Our regular day program is Monday-Thursday from 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m., and on Fridays class is from 7:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m. **STUDENTS MUST BE ON TIME AND PRESENT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TO BE CONSIDERED ENROLLED AT EDUPRIZE.** At Open House you will receive information about where to line up OUTSIDE on the first day of school, and you will also receive your school-issued Chromebook if your agreement form has been submitted. We will be there on the first day at **7:40 a.m.** to bring you into the classroom.



Mrs. DeFina
ELA

Hello! I am Mrs. DeFina, and I will be your child's ELA teacher this year! I have been teaching for 21 years, 18 of them at EDUPRIZE! I graduated from ASU with a degree in Elementary Education and have taught ELA in sixth grade for 12 years. I am married and have four kids: Chloe, Rafael, Mateo, and Maria. Maria is a fifth grader, and the rest are all adults! We also have two grandchildren, Violeta and Anelani. 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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Mrs. Pochiro
MATH

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 sixth 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 11 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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Meet Your Teachers

MS. SUTTON
COTTAGE/SOCIAL STUDIES

Hello, everyone! My name is Amber Sutton, and I am so excited to be teaching 6th-grade science and social studies at EDUPRIZE this year. I was born and raised right here in Arizona and graduated from Northern Arizona University. This marks my 12th year in the classroom, but my first year at EDUPRIZE, and I couldn't be more thrilled to join this amazing community. When I'm not teaching, you can usually find me curled up in a bookstore, hanging out with my pets, or planning my next travel adventure. We will be studying four new and exciting cottages: **Atomic Avenue, Rainforest, Observatory, and Imperial Highway.** I'm looking forward to a fantastic year of learning, exploration, and growth together.

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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 pack	Index cards, 3 x 5	class
	1	Ream of white copy paper	class
	1	Earbuds or headphones (no bluetooth or wireless); these are SO important.	personal
	1	Basic Function calculator	personal
	1	1 subject notebook	personal
		Pocket folder(s) or a binder, however you prefer to organize yourself	personal
	3-5	Highlighters, any color, so important to have in ELA class	personal
	1 pack	THIN dry erase markers	class
	1 pack	Markers (thin or regular)	personal
	1	Ruler	personal
	1 pack	Colored pencils	Personal
	1 pack	Regular pencils	personal
	2	Composition notebooks for cottage and social studies	personal
	1 pair	Scissors	personal
	2	Black Sharpies (ULTRA FINE)	class
	1 pack	Glue sticks; these are used all year long in social studies and science, the more the better!	class
	1	Hand soap or hand sanitizer	Class
	1 roll	Paper towels	class
	1	Box of tissues	class
	1	Sanitizing wipes	class
	1	Mindful 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