



Hello **Pre-K** Families!

Welcome to Pre-K Discovery at EDUPRIZE! My name is Kelli Greenlee, and I am so excited to be your child's Pre-K teacher this year! We are going to have a wonderful time learning and discovering together. I have taught since 1992, but this is only my ninth year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I taught 1st, 2nd, 4th grades, and P.E. in Iowa and Chandler. Prior to coming to EDUPRIZE, I directed and taught a Christian Preschool & Prekindergarten program for 13 years. It started in my home in 2003 when my youngest was 3 years old, and then moved to a facility from 2007-2016. The youngest learners truly are my love and joy! I cannot wait to learn all about my new students and to watch them grow into lifelong learners. I am so honored to be just a small part of their journey.

My journey has led myself and my husband Chad from Iowa, where we were raised, and both graduated from the University of Iowa in 1993, to the Valley of the Sun in 1994. Since then, we have raised our two sons- Ben, who is now married & 28 years old, and Nathan, who is also married and 25 years old. old and still residing in Gilbert in their own homes within a 5-mile radius of each other. We are so blessed to be so close to one another. We enjoy being together and enjoying each other's company now that our family has grown with the birth of our first grandchild- Elena Rosemary was born to Ben & Katelyn on January 13, 2025. 😊

I am excited to be working with Ms. B. again this year! Brenda Sinclair is from North Carolina and has lived in Arizona for 10 years. She has one daughter and 4 granddaughters. She has worked with children for about 30 plus years, including working in Pre-K Sunday School class from 1979-2004, directing "Children Church" from 2004-2016, substitute teaching for K-5 for 2 years, and being an Intervention reading teacher for 1st-3rd graders for one year. She enjoys reading, quilting, painting, and many other crafts.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child. Our first weeks of school will be spent learning about our *classroom* family, reviewing our classroom routines and procedures, and getting to know each other. In this class, we believe in a very balanced program where we will work on self-help skills, small and large motor skills, letter and number recognition, communication, and several other cognitive and social skills to develop the whole child. We will cover these areas using a variety of methods to ensure that learning is meaningful, fun, hands-on, and interesting for your child.



Our classroom will focus on developing cognitive skills such as recognition of the names and letters, rote counting, counting objects (1-to-1 correspondence up to 20 objects), matching quantities to numbers (1-20), recognizing numbers 1-20, first name recognition & writing, naming and identifying shapes, identifying colors, sorting by color, size, and shapes, simple patterns, and incorporating Spanish and ASL (American Sign Language) where we deem it meaningful. In pre-kindergarten, we will be developing appropriate social skills such as sharing, taking turns, playing cooperatively, role-playing, and participating in group activities. Your children will learn how to express their needs and wants, answer questions, and use their words to work out disagreements.

**Open House: Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** (Sign-up Genius every 15 minutes with 4 families- LINK WILL BE EMAILED IN JULY)

Please come to our classroom, **Room 21**, so that we can meet each other, take a classroom tour, and find out where to line up outside for the first day of school

**The First day of school** for both the **MWF program & M-F program** is on **Monday, July 28, 2025**

**The First day of school** for the **TTH program** is on **Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Our class times are **7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** (Morning Session) or **11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** (Afternoon Session)

All Pre-K students will begin their day by entering the gate on the far right of **BUILDING ONE**. Parents must sign students in and out each day with their complete names. Therefore, you **MUST** park in the parking lot, come through the crosswalks, and walk down to the gate. Please do not cut across the carpool lanes. This is very unsafe and against our carpool policies. We want to be sure everyone is following our safety guidelines. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [kelli.greenlee@eduprize.com](mailto:kelli.greenlee@eduprize.com). I firmly believe that you as an involved parent are your child's best teacher, and I am looking forward to being a part of the "team" to help your child be successful this coming school year.

Sincerely, *Kelli Greenlee*