



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 tenth year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I've 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 at my home in 2003, when my youngest was 3 years old, and I moved to a facility from 2007 to 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 my husband and me 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 & 29 years old, and Nathan, who is also married and 26 years old. We are so blessed to be so close to one another. We enjoy being together even more now that our family has grown with the birth of our first grandchild- Elena Rosemary was born to Ben & Katelyn on January 13, 2025. 😊 Nathan & Taylor will be adding another granddaughter to our family with their first baby due at the end of September. This grandma is just a little **excited** about that!! 😊😊

Joining our classroom family will be Mrs. Ally, our **Pre-K classroom aide**. Ally, her husband, and their four sons joined the EDUPRIZE family in June 2025 after moving from Michigan. In Michigan, Ally was very involved in her community, first owning and operating a licensed daycare for eight years before becoming the director of her local library. She enjoys reading, crafting, traveling, and spending time with her four growing boys. Mrs. Ally has already been sharing her gifts with our students at EDUPRIZE as one of our paraprofessionals. She brings a genuine passion for supporting students with special needs, meeting each child with patience, understanding, and unwavering care. We are excited to welcome her to the Pre-K classroom, and she is sure to be a blessing to our program.

Our classroom will focus on developing cognitive skills such as recognition of the names and sounds of 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 activities to work out social skills such as sharing, taking turns, playing cooperatively, role-playing, and participating in group Your children will learn how to express their needs and wants, answer questions, and use their kind words disagreements in a respectful manner.



Our **first weeks** of school will be spent learning about our diverse *classroom* family, reviewing our classroom routines and procedures, and getting to know each other. In this class, we believe in a well-balanced program in which we will work on self-help skills, small- and large-motor skills, letter and number recognition, communication, and many 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. My passion for science experiments fills our classroom with excitement and wonder, helping students learn through discovery and joyful exploration.

Open House: Friday, July 17th, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 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 27, 2026**

The First day of school for the **TTH program** is on **Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

Our class times are **7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** (MORNING Session) or **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** (AFTERNOON Session)

Please remember students will begin their day by entering the gate on the far right of BUILDING ONE, which is the west gate. Parents must sign students in and out each day, with date, time, and signature. You **MUST** park in the parking lot, cross at the crosswalk, and walk down to the gate. Please be responsible and safe by following these guidelines. I cannot wait to meet you all! If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email me at kelli.greenlee@eduprize.com. I firmly believe that you, as an involved parent, are your child's best teacher, and I look forward to being part of the "team" to help your child succeed this coming school year.

Sincerely, *Kelli Greenlee* (Mrs. Greenlee)



2026-2027 Pre-K Supply List

OPEN HOUSE ITEMS

- **\$10 to be PAID through your PARENTAL PORTAL.** Your \$10 pays for Scholastic News Pre-K "My Big World with Clifford."
- **1 COMPOSITION NOTEBOOK PER CHILD**

* We will ask for other items for the classroom throughout the year. Thank you!

DAILY ITEMS STUDENTS NEED FOR PRE-K

1. **Backpack** well-marked with name inside & without wheels and large enough for their take-home folder to be placed inside. Please make sure your child can handle the size of the backpack, so it doesn't cause back pain.
2. **Snack Bag or Box** packed with a peanut/nut-free healthy snack. We recommend 2 or 3 items from the 4 major food groups, excluding liquid items, e.g., fruit cups, Go-Gurts, juice boxes. Thank you!
3. **Water Bottle** well-marked with first and last name.
4. **Change of clothes in a labeled baggie** (ie, Eva M-F PM), including socks, underwear, shorts/pants, and a shirt to be kept in the classroom bathroom for the school year and to be returned at the end of the year.
5. **CLOSE-TOED SHOES worn with socks**- please have them wear Velcro or slip-ons with socks for ease of dumping the sand out at recess :)
"CROC" STYLE SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT EDUPRIZE.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation! 😊