

Welcome to Pre-K

About Your Teachers

My name is Kamalani Hansen, and I am beyond excited to be teaching Pre-K at EDUPRIZE! I am heading into my second year at EDUPRIZE, but my 23rd year of teaching Pre-K. Young learners are my FAVORITE! I can't wait for all the learning and growing we will do together this year.

My family has lived in the Queen Creek area for almost 22 years, and we love it here. My daughter was even an EDUPRIZE student when they first opened. She is now grown up and married, so it is just me, my husband and our almost one-year-old puppy, Mak. I love music, hiking, running, working out, and being with my family. Outside of school, I am an avid pianist and teach piano lessons during the afternoons and evenings. I am also working on my Dual Master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education.

Joining us in our class, each day, will be our classroom aide, Miss Lori. She has been part of the EDUPRIZE family for over a decade and brings with her lots of positivity, patience, fun and creativity. She loves decorating, creative DIY projects, time at the beach, and making memories with her family, two golden retrievers and doodle. We are so blessed and lucky that she will be part of our Pre-K family this year.

Our Year in Pre-K

I am looking forward to getting to know you. We will spend the first little bit getting to know our classroom family and learning our classroom routines and expectations. We will focus on kindness and respect with our classmates, while learning how to communicate our needs with each other and solve problems. Our learning adventures will involve exploration and development of motor skills, dramatic and sensory play, music, name recognition and writing, letter and sound recognition, shapes, colors, counting, numbers, sorting, patterning and so much more. Our days will be filled with lots of learning fun!

Open House and First Day

Our first opportunity to meet will be at **Open House on Friday, July 17th from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** Meetings will be done via sign-up, every 15 minutes. A sign-up link will be sent out as the date approaches. Please come to Room 22, so we can meet, tour our classroom and find out where to line up for the first day of school. Our **first day of school is Monday, July 27th.** Students will have class **MWF from 12:00-3:00 p.m.** Please remember 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 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! We are going to have a FANTASTIC year!

Your Teacher,
Kamalani Hansen (Miss K.)

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Supply List

All Students bring:

- 1 pack baby wipes
- 1 container Clorox wipes
- 1 bottle foam hand soap
- 1 Composition notebook

Wish List Items:

- Laminating Sheets
- Crayons
- Markers
- Glue sticks

- Please bring supplies to the Open House
- Requests for additional supplies will be made, as needed, throughout the year.

Scholastic News PreK

This year, we will be utilizing Scholastic News Pre-K, "My Big World with Clifford". Please pay \$10 through your Parent Portal to cover the cost of this for the year. Thank You!

Daily Checklist

1. **Backpack** — Please make sure this is marked with their name. Backpacks should be large enough to fit a plastic folder easily but appropriately sized for your child to handle. Please no backpacks with wheels.
2. **Snack bag or box** that can be managed independently by child. Snacks should be healthy and provide enough nutrition to sustain the child for the duration of our day. No juice boxes please.
3. **Water bottle** — please make sure this is marked well with child's first and last name.
4. **Change of clothes** in labeled Ziploc bag. This will remain in backpack to be used in an emergency.
5. **Closed-toe shoes** must be worn. Please make sure these are slip-on or Velcro, and worn with socks, so students can empty the sand easily. ☺ Thank you! Note: "Croc" style shoes are not allowed.