

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to a great, upcoming 6th grade school year at EDUPRIZE! You have been assigned Ms. Carden as your homeroom teacher. Mrs. Mesa and I are excited for the opportunity to get to know you and your families. First, we would like for you to know a little bit about us!

Ms. Carden: I am so excited to be teaching you math, writing, and science this year. You will be my 1st class at EDUPRIZE and I am looking forward to learning what it is to be an EDUPRIZE Eagle with you. I received my B.A. in Elementary Education from Arizona State University in 2011. This year will be my 6th year teaching and I am looking forward to teaching a new grade level with you. When I am not in the classroom I enjoy spoiling my dog Meeko, playing video games, learning new songs on my clarinet, and watching Disney movies. The fun doesn't stop there, I also enjoy playing sports like football, basketball, and soccer.

Mrs. Mesa: I will be teaching you reading, writing, and social studies. Coming from a family of educators I knew my passion was to teach! I attended college in Santa Barbara for my Bachelors in Education and Administration. Shortly after college, I relocated to Kailua, Hawaii and began my career by opening a home school to raise my children. I now proudly call Arizona my home for the past thirteen years. I am grateful to be surrounded by a huge family here in AZ! I am a wife and mother of 2 girls, and 4 boys! I absolutely love animals and work in the animal foster care system. My animals include 4 bunnies, a tarantula, turtle, snake, 2 guinea pigs, fish, 8 cats and 3 dogs. They all keep me very busy and there is never a dull moment.

This year our cottages will be **Atomic Avenue, Rainforest, Observatory, and Imperial Highway**. We are going to have so much fun learning and exploring through these exciting cottages and STEM activities. We also focus much of our time on **World History** in 6th grade, so you will learn about many different cultures.

We always believe in having fun while learning. To achieve this we have high expectations for our students to ensure that learning will occur. These expectations include being respectful and responsible to be the best "you" that you can be. When we are respectful and responsible we can achieve anything.

Below, you will find our supply list. Please purchase your items prior to Open House where you will meet us, see your classroom, pick up important papers, and drop off supplies. Enjoy the rest of your summer. We cannot wait to begin our adventure in learning 6th grade concepts. We know it is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,
Ms. Carden
Mrs. Mesa

IMPORTANT EAGLE INFO!

Open House Date: Monday, July 20, 2026 from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

Recommended Time for Our Class: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Reminder: Please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

Program: Full Day

Schedule: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon-Thu
8:00 am to 11:45 am Fridays

Students should be on campus, ready to line up 5 minutes prior to the start time listed above.

Check [eduprize.com](https://www.eduprize.com) for updates!

Building # 2

Room # 80 **Extension #** 2780

Teacher email address:

allysha.carden@eduprize.com

You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.

The first day of school is WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026.

All students must be on-time and present the entire day to be considered enrolled at EDUPRIZE.

Supply List

Each Student Needs:

In 6th grade students will keep their supplies with them in their backpack (they do not use the inside of their desk) at all times, since students switch between 2 classrooms. A regular backpack works fine. A backpack on wheels also works - keep in mind they still have to carry it up and downstairs.

- \$5 to pay for a student planner**, please make payment to [Infinite Campus](#)
- 5-10 mechanical or pre-sharpened regular pencils** (additional lead - preferably 0.7)
- 2 quality erasers**
- 1 package of 12 colored pencils** (Crayola brand preferred)
- 2-4 highlighters** (preferably different colors)
- 1 pair of scissors** (adult size)
- 5-10 fine point dry erase markers** (Expo brand is recommended)
- 2-3 colored pens** (for grading)
- 1-2 black fine point permanent markers**
- Ruler with inches and centimeters clearly marked** - a **MUST** for math
- Calculator** - a **MUST** for math (basic calculator - Scientific not needed)
- Pencil Case** - Big enough to put supplies from above in (hard case recommended)
- 6 pocket folders with brads** (red, yellow, blue, green, purple, orange)
- 1 spiral notebook** (100 count; Labeled: *Math*)
- 3 composition books** (Labeled: *Writing, Social Studies, Cottage*)
- 1 pair of earbuds/headphones** (please label with your name)

Optional Supplies (for the classroom):

We understand if these items cannot be donated at this time. Look in weekly newsletters for needed supplies throughout the year for the opportunity to give later.

- Package of clear plastic sleeves
- Bottle of liquid glue
- Package of glue sticks
- 1-2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2-3 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2-3 rolls of paper towels
- 2 black ultra-fine point sharpies (the pen type)

Our supply list has been reviewed thoroughly in an effort to make it manageable for everyone. The supplies listed above are a good indication of what we use per child throughout the year. Our desire is that you are able to purchase these supplies on sale. Please feel free to join forces with someone else in our class to purchase the items in bulk. As always, thank you for your continued support!