

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to an exciting upcoming 6th-grade school year at EDUPRIZE! You have been assigned to the Farnsworth/Pendle cohort, and **Ms. Pendle** will be your **homeroom teacher**. This year, our cottages will be Atomic Avenue, Rainforest, and Observatory. We are truly looking forward to getting to know you and your families and building a strong, supportive classroom community. To begin, we would love to share a little bit about ourselves!

Ms. Pendle: I will be teaching Writing, ELA, and Social Studies this year. My journey has led me to fulfill a childhood dream of becoming a teacher. This will be my 20th year in education and my 10th year at EDUPRIZE. I earned my Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (K–8) from Western Governors University. As a native of Arizona, I enjoy biking, hiking, reading, and spending time with my family. I have three children—Nathan and Kelsey, who are in college, and Lyberty, who is married. I am also a proud grandmother to a 10-year-old grandson. I am truly excited to get to know my new students and watch them grow into lifelong learners.

Mr. Farnsworth: I will be teaching Writing, Math, and Science. This year will be my 28th year teaching at EDUPRIZE. I graduated from Ottawa University and received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Bilingual Education. I've been married now for 33 years, and my wife is a tap dance instructor/director at Inspire Dance Studio. We have three children: Kailin, Karsyn, and Kaden. In my spare time, I love to read. I also hope to inspire students to become passionate readers and learners. I hope that students will feel safe and enjoy the learning process during this school year. I look forward to being part of their experience.

We hold high expectations for our students and encourage them to be responsible, while demonstrating strong character toward both teachers and peers. We believe learning is most enjoyable and meaningful when students come prepared, stay respectful, and are motivated to do their best. We also value family involvement and are excited to welcome parent helpers into our classroom. We will begin inviting volunteers to assist sometime after the first week of school.

Each morning, we will meet students at the Building 2 lunch tables. Please enter the campus through the gates and wait outside as we come out to greet you. We are excited to begin this journey together and look forward to a wonderful year with our sixth graders. There is so much to learn, and it is truly our honor to be your teachers. Enjoy the rest of your summer—we will see you soon!

Important Eagle Info!

Open House Date: Monday, July 20th, 2026, from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm Recommended Time for Our Class: 1:00-2:30 pm <i>Reminder: Please complete the Annual Update via the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.</i>	
Program: 6th Grade Full Day Schedule: 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon-Thur 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 for updates!	Building # 2 Room # 90 Extension # 2900 Teacher email address: jody.pendle@eduprize.com <i>You will receive information regarding carpool and where to line up at Open House.</i>
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 in their backpacks rather than in their desks, as they transition between two classrooms throughout the day. A regular backpack is preferred; however, a rolling backpack is also acceptable. Please keep in mind that students will still need to carry their backpacks up and down the stairs.

- \$5 to pay for a student planner. Please make payment on Infinite Campus
- 1" 3-ring binder (heavy duty) [Example](#)
- 6 - three-hole punched pocket folders (red, yellow, blue, green, purple, orange) [Example](#)
- Box of 30 pre-sharpened pencils or mechanical (and lead) [Example](#) (to last throughout the year)
- 1 package of 12 colored pencils (preferably Crayola brand) [Example](#)
- 1 manual pencil sharpener [Example](#)
- 1 box 24-count crayons (preferably Crayola brand) [Example](#)
- 2 highlighters (preferably different colors) [Example](#)
- 1 pair of scissors (adult size)
- 4 fine tip black dry-erase markers [Example](#)
- 2 ultra-fine tip black Sharpies [Example](#)
- 4 red pens (for grading)
- 6 Giant glue sticks [Example](#) (to last throughout the year)
- Ruler (must have U.S. Customary and Metric) [Example](#)
- Calculator - a MUST for math (basic calculator - Scientific not needed) [Example](#)
- Pencil case big enough to hold supplies
- 2 spiral notebooks (200 count) [Example](#)
- 4 composition books [Example](#)
- 1 pair of kid headphones (Place in Ziploc & label with your name, it will be kept in the classroom.)

Optional Wish List (for the classroom):

- Ream of colored copy paper (no Astro Bright, please)
- 2-4 boxes of Kleenex
- 2-4 containers of Clorox wipes
- 2-4 rolls of paper towels
- Ziploc Bags - sandwich and gallon size
- Jolly Ranchers/Starburst

Our supply list has been carefully reviewed to keep it manageable for all families. The items listed above reflect what each student typically uses throughout the year. We encourage you to take advantage of sales when purchasing supplies, and you are welcome to coordinate with another family to buy items in bulk if that is helpful.

The school year runs most smoothly when these supplies are on hand and readily available. Please contribute what you are able at this time. If additional supplies are needed later in the year, they will be communicated through our newsletters. As always, thank you for your continued support.