

Welcome to KINDERGARTEN

Meet the Teacher: Mrs. Cortez

A little about me

Hello and welcome to EDUPRIZE! My name is Kayla Cortez and this is my 8th year teaching! I earned my bachelor's degree in 2018 from NAU. I love Kindergarten because it is so magical and the kids are so excited to learn! It truly is so exciting!

I am originally from Ohio. I have been in Arizona for 14 years now. I am married to Mr. Cortez, the 8th grade science teacher. We have a 1 year old, name Victoria. We call her Tori for short. She is our whole world! We are also welcoming baby #2 this December!



Hobbies

- I love the outdoors
- Crafting
- Working out
- Playing games
- Hanging out with family
- Going to the splash pad with Tori

Open House

Open House is planned for **Friday, July 17, 2026**. Our scheduled time to meet is from 8:00–9:30 a.m. in room 3. You will be able to meet me, see our classroom and drop off supplies.

Please bring your child's supplies to school with you on the day of Open House. (Our supply list is on the next page.) There will be areas for you to sort the supplies, as well as a few tasks for you to do to help your child get organized before the first day of school. If you are unavailable during our scheduled time, I will be available periodically throughout the day.

Save the Date

First day of school is: July 22, 2026
Drop Off: 7:00–7:10



KINDERGARTEN Supply List

Supply List

- Unpackaged Headphones in a large Ziploc bag (Earbuds are very difficult for kinders to use. Please send in headphones only.)
- 1 regular-sized plastic pencil box.
- 1 pointed pair of unpackaged scissors. (Please write your child's name on it.)
- 4 boxes of Crayola Crayons 24 pack
- 1 pack of large washable markers
- 1 red, plastic pocket folder with metal fasteners
- 1 blue, plastic pocket folder with metal fasteners
- Wide Ruled spiral notebook
- 4 Jumbo glue sticks
- 2 packages of black, thin Expo white board markers
- 1 container of Clorox antibacterial wipes for cleaning desks
- 1 container of playdoh-please write your student's name on it

Wishlist

- Thank you for donating to our wishlist!

[Wishlist Here](#)

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