

Welcome to Santan Pre-Kindergarten Preschool 2021-2022

Welcome families to Santan Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Program (PKP). My name is Mrs. Leticia Velarde “Ms. Tish” and I will be the Pre-K Early Childhood Special Education certified teacher this year. Ms. Amanda Bradshaw-Baldenegro “Ms. Mandy and Ariane Hiremath “Ms. Ariane” will be our classroom paraeducator’s teachers. Pre-Kindergarten is such an amazing and exciting time in a child’s life. I feel honored to have the opportunity to work with your child and family this upcoming school year.

Curriculum

Our preschool curriculum is aligned to the Arizona Early Learning Standards, which were developed for all children 3-5 years of age. These standards serve as a guide in providing a quality program that is developmentally appropriate for each child. The curriculum for our different content areas support these standards and instructional methods. The curriculums are listed below by content area:

- English Language Arts - Big Day for PreK · Alphabet and Phonics – Foundations
- Math – ORIGO · Science – ECHOS · Physical Education – OPEN

Through these curriculums and other resources, our staff can provide a rich preschool experience designed to prepare children for lifelong learning.

Parent Communication

I will be sending home a newsletter bi-monthly to keep you updated on the happenings in our classroom. I encourage you to read the newsletters as they will not only notify you about what’s going on in class, but they will also include important dates to remember. Please feel free to email or call me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Additional Information

- Please send daily a backpack with water bottle. Please send additional clothes that will be stored individual baggies within their cubby.
- **We are a NUT free classroom.** This includes all tree-nuts including Nutella hazelnut spread. Please do not send food with your child that includes any nut products. Thank you for your cooperation.
- I will share more information about our classroom, supplies, arrival and drop-off procedures and other best practices/procedures.

At Home Learning Supports

I will send home a copy of lesson plan for the week to expand at home. This gives the family information about what your child did in class to help with expanding conversations about the classroom experience.

Thank you for your patience and your support as we kick-off a New School Year of Pre-Kindergarten program here at Santan Elementary - CUSD. Together we will navigate, explore, and learn in our Pre-Kindergarten program. I look forward to partnering with you and your child this year!