

2019-20 Kindergarten Team

KA Lead Teacher, Mrs. Kratz

Welcome to the school year! I hope you all are looking forward to this new step in your child's learning and development. My name is Amy Kratz, and I will be your child's kindergarten lead teacher this year. I have my bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from NAU and ASU, respectively, and have 13 years' experience teaching music in various Phoenix-area school districts. Additionally, I spent 2 ½ years homeschooling my own children in a classically-based, community-oriented curriculum, and am now excited to be starting my third year teaching kindergarten here at ATW. My husband is a 3rd grade teacher, and both of my children attend school here, so we like to think that ATW is truly a "family" experience! In addition to pursuing education, my family and I enjoy making music together, hiking and camping, and gardening, among other interests.

This is sure to be a wonderful year, and I am looking forward to meeting you and your child. Together, we will strive to develop not only our intellect, but also those deeper elements of virtue and culture that feed our souls. Again, welcome!

Sincerely,

Amy Kratz

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KA Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Archambault

Welcome Kindergarten families! My name is Kristina Archambault. I moved to Arizona two years ago with my family from Temecula, California. My husband and I have been married for 26 years and we have two boys in college. My oldest son is twenty three and received his bachelor's degree from CAL Poly Pomona and is currently working on his masters degree while teaching in an elementary school. My youngest son is nineteen and goes to Glendale Community College. My family and I love to do all outside activities, hiking, biking, swimming and Angels baseball is our favorite.

I have worked in an elementary school environment for twelve years. This is my second year at Archway Trivium West. I am excited to work with Mrs. Kratz and be the morning teacher assistant in your child's classroom this year. I am looking forward to meeting you and your families--it will be a great school year!

Kindly,

Kristina Archambault

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KA Afternoon Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Webster

Hello KA families!! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer. My name is Lori Webster and I have the privilege of assisting Mrs. Kratz with your kindergarten student. I will be in the KA classroom in the afternoon as I will be teaching in KC in the morning. I am looking forward

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to getting to know you and your family and being a part of your child's first experience in a classroom setting.

I have a Bachelor's in Elementary Education from Indiana University. This will be my third year teaching at Archway Trivium. I am excited to be here because I firmly believe in the values of our community. Honesty, integrity and friendship are some of the most important virtues to me and I feel they are exemplified here at Archway as well as interwoven into the classical education format. I believe this will help each child grow into a well-rounded person who will have a positive impact on our society.

I am married to a wonderful man who is a Sergeant with the Goodyear Police Department. I have two grown sons. My older son recently got married and started his career in finance. My younger son will be starting his sophomore year at Arizona State University. One of my favorite ways to spend my time is having dinner with my family and playing games or watching movies together. Some of my hobbies include traveling, biking, camping and just being in the outdoors whenever possible. I also feel that there is no better way to spend a lazy evening than getting lost in a delightful book.

I am looking forward to working together to help your child learn and grow this year as well as enjoy his or her kindergarten experience.

Warm regards,

Lori Webster

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KB Lead Teacher, Ms. Vasquez

Hello Kindergarten Families! I hope you all have had a fun and relaxing summer. My name is Rubi Vasquez and I will be your child's kindergarten teacher this year. I attended ASU-West where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in English as a Second Language. This will be my thirteenth year teaching and my fourth year at Archway Trivium West. I am very excited and happy to be a part of the Archway Trivium West community. I have teaching experience in grades Kindergarten-Third grade.

I was born in Mexico and moved to Arizona at the age of five and have been living here since then. I have four handsome nephews with whom I enjoy spending time with as often as possible. Whether it be at their baseball games, soccer games, or school events we always have a great time together. Aside from going to the movies, camping, and being together, we also enjoy spending time with my dog, Luna.

I am very excited to be working with you and your child this school year. I look forward to meeting you and working together to make this Kindergarten year a wonderful school year experience for you and your child.

Warm Regards,

Rubi Vasquez

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KB Teacher Assistant, Mrs. Salinas

My name is Mrs. Susana Salinas. My husband and I moved from Oxnard, California to Arizona fourteen years ago. We have an eleven year old daughter, who will be in sixth grade at Trivium Prep this year. This is my ninth year as a teacher assistant at Archway Trivium, after working for the Avondale Elementary School District at Lattie Coor School for six years. While working at Lattie Coor School, I had the opportunity to help in a Kindergarten classroom. I loved it so much that I decided to move to Kindergarten as an assistant. I enjoy teaching young scholars! They are always so eager to learn. I can't wait to meet you and your child. It's going to be a wonderful school year!

Warm Regards,

Susana Salinas

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KC Lead Teacher

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Warm regards,

Lori Webster

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KC Assistant Teacher

Greetings KC Families! My name is Meredith Gump. I am beyond excited to be working with Mrs. Webster and your kindergarteners this year!

I have a Bachelor's in Science and a Master's in Education. I was a third grade teacher for 9 years. I also taught English to Chinese learners for a year. After which, I took some time off to stay at home with my kids.

I have an amazing husband who is an Actuary for United Health Care. We have been married for 10 years. Liam, our oldest is six years old and starting first grade here at ATW. My youngest daughter is Laurel and she will be starting preschool this fall. We have two crazy Goldendoodles who keep us very busy! As a family we love to go to Disneyland any chance we get! We also enjoy traveling up north for camping and hiking. Our last hike was through an ancient lava tube!

I can't wait to meet all of you and your child. I know we will have an amazing year!

Warm Regards,
Meredith Gump
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Specials Teachers

Kindergarten Art, Mrs. Smith

I look forward to meeting our new kindergarten scholars! As I begin my third year teaching at Archway Trivium, I am excited to continue sharing my love of art and teaching with your scholars. I graduated from Clarke University in Iowa with my K-12 Art Education degree and my bachelors in Painting and Art History. I furthered my education at Northern Illinois University where I earned my Master's degree in Painting. I have enjoyed teaching in collegiate and K-12 classrooms ever since. Sharing my lifelong love of the fine arts is a blessing and I look forward to many engaging conversations and the beautiful artworks that will be created in art class.

We will discuss great classical works of art and practice using the art elements. I am grateful to be a part of your children's journeys as they continue to grow in knowledge, love and friendship.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Smith
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Kindergarten Spanish, Sra. Hamilton



Hola! Espo

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My name is Andrea Hamilton and I am excited to return for my 9th year to Archway Trivium West! I am very lucky to be able to share my love of the Spanish language with your scholars. I grew up in a bilingual home and received a degree in Spanish and Human Communication from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. I have raised my three children bilingually and look forward to not only sharing the Spanish language with the scholars, but Hispanic culture and customs as well. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

Sra. Hamilton

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Kindergarten Music, Ms. Cornell

It is with great joy and excitement that I will begin my fourth year directing and providing music instruction for the Kinder through 3rd grade scholars. I have had a life-long love of music that began with playing the clarinet and transitioned into a vocal performance and directing focus. I additionally love the guitar and I am continuing my own classic training on this amazing instrument. I graduated from ASU and sang in the ASU women's choir and also studied opera at Glendale Community College with a focus in the Opera Theatre workshop program. Currently, I participate in the Church at Litchfield Park adult choirs and direct Music Together West, an early childhood music program. I was also an artist with the Skywalk records label where I composed and published original works. I am so excited to bring my passion and varied musical experiences in conjunction with the Great Hearts classical approach to your scholars. Music is the International language that connects us all together. It sets the foundation and can deepen understanding in all subjects. The classical music experience offered at Great Hearts is one which will endure for a life-time, not fleeting or a trend that will fade, but rather one to enrich our lives and build upon this life through time. I love teaching music because I see firsthand the difference the experience can make in all developmental stages. Music is a gift we can return to again and again, even if we have set it aside for a time.



Sincerely,

Karla S. Cornell

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Kindergarten PE, Mrs. Taylor

Hello! My name is Kristin Taylor and I am excited to be your child's Physical Education teacher this year. This is my sixth year teaching at



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Archway Trivium West. I grew up in Southern California and earned my Bachelor's degree from California State University Fullerton. My love for sports started in Kindergarten when I played on my first basketball team! I played basketball, volleyball, soccer, and ran track & field in middle and high school. I then earned a place on the crew team in college and it was there that a love of running, weight lifting, and exercise science also began to unfold. I feel privileged to be a part of introducing our scholars to the world of sports and fitness. I am looking forward to a wonderful year and for the opportunity to get to know you and your child!

Sincerely,
Kristin Taylor
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Student Support

Reading Specialist, Mrs. Irwin

My name is Karen Irwin and I am the reading specialist at Archway Trivium West. I grew up in West Central Illinois, graduated from Eastern Illinois University, and later received my Master's in Education from Arizona State University. I have been teaching for over 30 years and this is my sixth year working at Archway Trivium West. As the reading specialist, I will be responsible for identifying scholars that may have a reading difficulty and working with scholars, teachers, teacher assistants, and parents to provide necessary reading interventions. At Archway Trivium West, we administer the Dibels (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Next assessment to help identify scholars that may be having difficulty in reading, and the 95% Group Phonological Awareness Screener, and/or the 95% Group Phonics Screener.

Sincerely,
Karen Irwin
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School Nurse, Mrs. Schooley

Dear Parents,

My name is Denise Schooley and I have the honor of being the school nurse during the 2019-2020 academic year. I have worked at Archway Trivium West for the past three years. This will be my second year as the school nurse. I am very excited to continue in the nurse role and serve



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your scholar's health care needs. My 20 years of diverse healthcare experience has allowed me to be the nurse I am today. I look forward to continuing to create loving and trusting relationship with your scholars. I will be at Meet the Teacher Night to collect completed Asthma, Food Allergy and Seizure Actions plans with your scholar's medications. All medications prescribed by a provider must be in the original container with the prescription label. All Epi-pens must be in a set of two.

Please feel free to reach out to me by phone or email at any time regarding your child's health care concerns or needs.

Respectfully,

Denise Schooley, RN

School Nurse

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School Counselor, Mrs. Boerckel

My name is Kelly Boerckel and this is my second year as the counselor at Great Hearts! I have been working with children, teens, and families since 2005 through various inpatient behavioral health settings, residential treatment centers and the public education system. I am starting my 12th year in education and 7th year as a school counselor.



My husband & I have two children, Drew (11) and Ainsley (8), as well

as two dogs. Deagan (12) is a chocolate Labrador and Gunner Blue (1) is an English Bulldog. When I'm not working you can find me at a swim meet or a lacrosse game cheering on my kids! I was born and raised in Texas and have lived in Arizona now for 1 year and we are loving it here!

I am looking forward to working with your students this school year. Helping students to grow and thrive emotionally, socially and academically is my greatest passion.

Sincerely,

Kelly Boerckel

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First Day of School

Kindergarten parents will be able to walk their child into the school building at 8:00AM on Tuesday, August 6th. Please do not arrive prior to the 8:00AM for this ONE DAY ONLY, special start time. Thank you!

Please bring the following school supplies on the *first day of school* (Labeled with your child's name in permanent marker). Please remember no pop culture images.

- 1 - Spill proof water bottle - *Not available through SchoolKidz
- 1 - Full sized solid colored backpack NO WHEELS - *Not available through SchoolKidz
- 1 - Solid color lunch box (Full day scholars only) *Not available through SchoolKidz
- **Snacks**-Half day scholars bring 1 snack daily, Full day scholars bring 2 snacks daily
 - *Snacks should be healthy snacks (apple slices, goldfish crackers, pretzels, etc.) They should be snacks that do not need to be refrigerated and should be **labeled** with your child's name.



Front Office

The Archway Trivium | West main phone number is (623) 414-4883, the attendance line is (623) 565-5490, and the fax line is (623) 889-6286.

Every Friday you will be receiving a Weekly Newsletter from the Kindergarten Team in which you'll read about the learning that will take place the following week. Please expect our first newsletter Friday, August 2nd.

Important forms to bring with you:

- **Family Handbook Signature Page** (Please read 2019-2020 Family Handbook before signing).
- If you haven't already turned it in, **Pick-up Sign Form**.

Please see the **Family Resources page** on our website for printable versions of these forms.
<http://archwaytrivium.org/family-resources/>

Many of your questions about the school and things happening can be answered by looking at our website, <http://www.archwaytrivium.org/>

