



Welcome to  
Room 8!



## MEET THE TEACHERS

Dear Parents of Classroom  
8,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning students to the 2023-2024 school year! We are very excited about all that Arborland has to offer and can't wait to watch your child learn and grow each day. Our goal is to develop independent, critical thinkers and instill curiosity and a passion for learning.



**Ms. Kim**



**Ms. Gina**

**My name is Ms. Kim and I am thrilled to be your child's teacher this school year! I received my Bachelor's Degree in Child and Adolescent Development from California State University, Fullerton and my Montessori Teaching Credential from UC Irvine. I have been working at Arborland for 7.5 years. Some of my favorite hobbies are hiking, dancing, going to the gym, traveling, and watching Friends reruns. My favorite color is teal and I love sea turtles. If I could describe myself in 3 words they would be: kind, hard-working, and dependable. I can't wait to see what this school year has in store for us!**

**My name is Ms. Gina Pedroza. I am happily married and have 2 sons, Brandon (24 years old) and Jan (22 years old). I have been working with children for over 35 years and have been at Arborland for almost 16 years. Some of my favorite things to do are eating, traveling, walking, reading books, and spending time with my family. My favorite color is blue and I love nature. If I could use 3 words to describe myself they would be: happy, optimistic, and patient. I'm so excited to welcome your children to our wonderful class in the fall!**



## Things To Know:

**Illness:** Please help our class stay healthy. If you or your child are coughing, sneezing, or have a runny nose with a green discharge, please keep your child home. If we do notice that your child is not feeling well, we will notify you immediately. If your child has a fever, they will need to stay home for 24 hours after the fever has broken.

**Birthdays:** You may bring healthy, bite-sized snacks for the celebrations (ex. fruits, mini cupcakes, mini yogurt cups, etc). In lieu of goodie bags, may we request your child donate a book to the classroom library with his/her name on it, toys for indoor or outdoor play, or science experiment materials.

**Sharing:** We will have sharing days every Friday. Your child is welcome to bring a book or a special item (ex. souvenirs, trophies, pictures, etc) to share during our group circle time.

**Snacks:** The school will provide a healthy snack which will be served in the morning. If your child would like to bring his/her own snacks, we do ask that they be healthy. **Please also remember that Arborland is a nut-free school.**

**Finished Work:** Your child's work will be sent home every day. Please do not be alarmed if your child does not have any or much work in their folder. Many of the Montessori materials do not require paperwork.

## Our Daily Schedule

8:30-9:00 Arrival and begin work

9:00-9:30 Morning circle time & snack

9:30-11:30 Montessori work time

11:30-12:00 Outdoor Playtime

12:00-12:30 Lunch



12:30-1:00 Group Story time for non-nappers

12:30-2:30 Naptime for children 3 years & younger

1:00-2:30 Afternoon Montessori work time for older children

2:30-3:00 Clean-up & Circle time

3:00-3:15 Home & Childcare dismissal



## Helpful Reminders

- Each child is welcome to bring in their own play dough.
- The children will be provided with all other school supplies such as pencils, glue sticks, scissors, etc.
- If your child will be bringing lunch from home, please make sure the lunch pail is cleaned every day. Same routine for water bottles.
- Each child will need a ziploc bag, labeled with their name, with a set of extra clothes.
  - 2 pairs of socks
  - 2 shirts
  - 2 bottoms
  - 2 underwear
- Nappers (children 3 years & younger) will need a crib sized sheet and blanket. Please bring nap items in a bag. These will go home every Friday to be washed and returned on Monday.
- Please label any and all personal belongings with child's name.

Please feel free to contact me at [mskim@arborland.com](mailto:mskim@arborland.com) or (254)216-3856 with any questions, comments, or concerns. Your child's learning and safety is my priority during school hours. Therefore, emails or text messages will be responded to after school hours or when possible. If there is an emergency, please contact the front office and they will relay the message to me. I look forward to a wonderful and fun-filled school year with you all!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Kim