

Welcome to Our Classroom

Back to School Night



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Dear Parents, Guardians and Family,

I have many enriching learning experiences planned for your child. Your child will be learning to work and play with others, how to listen and follow directions and how to work independently. I will introduce the children to reading, writing, STEAM, Social Studies, and art.

I am currently on Maternity Leave, and due to Doctors orders I am not able to present, but I have updated this presentation and your handouts in order to share important information with you.

I encourage you to give Mrs. Macias a warm welcome and make her transition a smooth one. She has been present in our classroom since the beginning of the year and I know she will do an amazing job!

Thank you for your understanding and your support.

Sincerely,

Maestra Medina



Meet Maestra Medina



This is my 10th year teaching and my 4th year at Elkhorn Village Elementary. I am originally from the Los Angeles area and come from a single parent immigrant household. My mom immigrated from Mexico at a young age. Our family is originally from Zacatecas, but moved to Aguascalientes. I am the first in my family to graduate from high school and attend college. **I received my bachelors degree from UC Davis and later received my Multiple Subject, Bilingual, Multicultural Teaching credential from Cal State Sacramento.** I love the outdoors and I visit at least 3 National Parks every year. I am married to Javier, an Environmental Biologist and we love to travel! **We are expecting our first child and can't wait!**



I (Maestra Medina) am the Advisor for our Folklorico dance group, Ballet Folklorico Los Tigres. This group is open to students 3rd to 8th grade. This is our 3rd year as a group and we are very proud of all that we have accomplished. In addition, **I am the Advisor for CREST**, California Region Engineering Science and Technology, after school club. This is a STEM, Science Technology Engineering Math, focused after school club. This club is meant to encourage students to explore science and technology. It culminates with the end of the year CREST Summit competition in the spring. This club is open to students from 1st to 5th grade.

Applications will be available for these two groups as soon as someone can take my place while I am away.

I am also one of the organizers of our own **STEAM Day at Elkhorn**, something that we are very proud of.

Meet Mrs. Macias

Mrs. Macias is our wonderful sub. She has been shadowing me since the beginning of the school year. She has been a parent at Elkhorn Village for over 9 years. She has her two children here at Elkhorn and has been a Sub for our school for many years.

She graduated with her BA from Sacramento State University.

I know that our class is in good hands and that she will do amazing! **Her and our 1st grade team will be working closely together to guarantee a very successful beginning of the school year.**

Curriculum

- This is some of the curriculum that we will be using this year:
 - **Math Curriculum:**
 - Go Math
 - **Reading Curriculum:**
 - Maravillas
 - **Social Studies Curriculum** is built into the Maravillas curriculum.
 - **Science:** Our science is integrated into our Language Arts time as well as our English Language Development and Academic Language Development time.



Classroom Guidelines

We have 5 main rules in the classroom

- **Rule 1:** Raise your hand to speak.
- **Rule 2:** Respect others, respect yourself, respect your school.
- **Rules 3:** Follow directions quickly.
- **Rule 4:** Pay attention to when the teacher is talking.
- **Rule 5:** Be safe, be kind, be honest.

In addition to these rules, we have 3 school wide guidelines.

- **Be Responsible**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**



Positive Reinforcement

- In our classroom we use **natural consequences** and **positive reinforcement** when it comes to behavior and classroom expectations. So if a child is not listening and has been redirected a few times, **the child will end up owing time during recess or during Fun Friday time.**
- **Students can earn Tiger Tokens for good choices in class and out of the classroom.** These Tiger Tokens come into play with our classroom economy and school wide rewards.
- **Students can buy coupon for special rewards** such as free dress pass, jean day pass, homework pass, and even \$5 gift cards or movie passes.
- Students can also **save their Tiger Tokens for end of the year tiger market.** Students can buy toys and other rewards. This Tiger Market will happen at the end of the year.