

# MEET THE TEACHERS!

## Mrs. Townsend's Favs

**Color:** Pink and Mint Green

**Activity:** Ballet, Reading, & shopping

**Food:** Anything from Freed's Bakery & Italian, but mostly sweets!

**Candy:** Gummy Bears

**Book:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Season:** Fall

## Mrs. Salinas's Favs

**Color:** Royal blue and Purple

**Activity:** Hiking & Spontaneous Roadtrips

**Food:** Italian

**Candy:** Chocolate

**Book:** Where the Sidewalk Ends

**Season:** Fall

## Our Classroom

Shopping for our new classroom is so exciting! I have been drooling over the catalogs and placing orders. My next shopping trip will be to the pet store. I am hoping it will make a splash! Any guesses what I am getting?

Mrs. Townsend

Mrs. Ybarra



*Hello*, I am Mrs. Townsend and I will be the Pre-K Director/Lead teacher this school year, and Mrs. Salinas will be my assistant teacher this school year. We couldn't be more excited for the upcoming school year! We have been busy this summer preparing and we can't wait to get the classroom set up for our new friends!

## All About Mrs. Townsend

My family and I are very active people! We love to swim and we love to travel! My husband and I have 3 amazing kiddos named, Amia, & she's 14 yrs. old Brian, & he's 12 old and Aubry & she's 8 yrs. old We also have 2 fur babies named Zoey and Chloe! This will be my 4th yr. as a director at Aprende. I have been in the Early Education field for over 14 years. I have an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelors of Science in Child Development. I will begin a new academic journey in January in Pediatric Occupational Therapy. I have a great passion for what I do, and I look forward to meeting my new preschool family!



## Important Stuff



Arts integration is an approach to teaching that integrates the fine and performing arts as primary pathways to learning. Arts integration differs from traditional education by its inclusion of both the arts discipline and a traditional subject as part of learning (e.g. using improvisational drama skills to learn about conflict in writing.) The goal of arts integration is to increase knowledge of a general subject area while concurrently fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of the fine and performing arts.

### Important Dates

- Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 4th.
- Open House is scheduled for Friday, August 24th. Open House for A.M. students will be from 9:00-10:00 and for P.M. students from 12:00-1:00. It will be in the classroom - Room 112. This will give students the opportunity to meet their teacher and have a little sneak peek of the classroom so they know what to expect on the first day of school.
- Parent orientation is Aug. 17th. AM Parents - 9-10 PM parents 12-1. Parents ONLY please. Room 112.

### Contact Info

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## All About Mrs. Ybarra

Hello! My name is Kelly Ybarra. I am the Assistant Teacher for Aprende Academy Pre-K at the Doral Academy Saddle Campus. This is my third year with Aprende and I could not be more excited! Currently, I am continuing my schooling in early childhood education and believe children learn best in engaging, creative and nurturing environments.

Originally from California, I have lived in Las Vegas for nearly nine years. I am married and have two beautiful children. In my spare time, I enjoy spending with my family, taking road trips, and gardening.

I cannot wait to meet my new pre-k family and look forward to a fun and exciting school year!

I look forward to meeting all you very soon! For those of you that are currently in summer camp through Aprende, I hope your child has been enjoying their time! I will be finishing up summer camp over at Pinecrest Inspirada this week! Then, I'll be on my way to Doral!

