

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Live Learning Lab for 2024-2025! My name is Melissa Medina, but at school I go by "Ms. Mel". I am super excited to share my classroom with your children in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade this year. We have many fun activities, and lessons planned for this school year, and I cannot wait to share them with your kiddos. In Live Learning Lab we continue the student's cottage learning (that is done in their homeroom class) by exploring the connection of science to the cottages. We believe that hands-on activities inside, and outside of the classroom help your child's understanding of the concepts which they are learning.

A little about me now. I have been a part of the Eduprize family since 2013. One of our daughters graduated from Eduprize, and will be starting her Junior year at NAU this Fall; our youngest daughter will begin her Junior year at Eduprize as well. I am originally from Texas, and moved here to Arizona with my husband in 1997. I attended New Mexico State University, and graduated from Technical Training Institute as a Licensed Practical Nurse. I spent 19 years working in the medical field as a nurse. I thoroughly enjoyed my 11 years in Pediatrics; and when the opportunity arose, I ventured on a new career course, and was lucky enough to join the EDUPRIZE staff. My first position at EDUPRIZE was as a Paraprofessional working with the Special Education Department, and now as the Live Learning Lab teacher.

We are the proud parents of 2 daughters, 4 dogs, 1 cat, and a bearded dragon named Bandito (my class pet). In my spare time, I enjoy reading, baking, and traveling with my family. I look forward to meeting all your children, and to a fantastic 2024-2025 school year. Many blessings to you and yours.

-Melissa "Ms. Mel" Medina