Hello families,

Welcome to our Preschool and Pre-K programs at the Thousand Oaks Community Center. My name is Claudia Berumen and this will be my fifth year teaching. I am really excited to get this school year started! I have many fun activities planned throughout the year. I cannot wait to learn all about you and your child.

There is so much that I look forward to this year! I know how much you care about your child’s education, and we will do everything possible to ensure their successful and positive preschool and prekindergarten experience. My philosophy is that each child is unique and they all learn in different ways. By acknowledging this as their teacher, I will be able to help your child discover their individuality and work alongside them to maximize their learning. This school year is going to be filled with exciting activities, wonderful music performances, great parties, and friendships. I look forward to instilling in your child the same great love for learning I have been developing over the years.

First, both pre-kindergarten and preschool programs have a playful learning classroom. These classrooms are driven by the interest of the children. In this age, the children learn best by having hands-on experiences in learning and exploring. A typical day in these classrooms includes music, art, science, reading, math activities, and of course playtime. Both programs focus on the social and emotional growth of the children. Generally, children in pre-k engage in activities that involve deeper learning and more structured skill-building activities such as math, science, and critical thinking that will get them ready for kindergarten. In preschool, we equip kids with problem-solving and self-help activities through learning basic things like the alphabet, colors, numbers, sharing, and shapes.

Spaces are currently available for both preschool and pre-k for the fall 2021. You can visit our website www.crpd.org, or give us a call at the center 805-381-2793 for more information.

Please join us for our Open House on Thursday, July 8th from 4:30-6:00pm. I will have more information regarding curriculum, expectations, communications, class schedule and can answer all your questions. Please mark your calendar to visit the classroom and know more about the upcoming year.

Hope to see you all very soon,

Claudia Berumen
Lead Preschool Teacher
Thousand Oaks Community Center
A little about me:
I was born in Ventura, California, and graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. I played softball all four years of college and absolutely loved it. I decided to become a teacher, so I got my master’s degree in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Emporia State University. Before teaching Preschool and Pre-K, I coached college softball for seven years at Western Texas College, as well as teaching physical education courses. I enjoy watching and playing different sports. Go Dodgers! I currently live in Santa Paula with my husband and two kids, Sanay (5 years) and Carmelo (almost 2 years).

Classroom News:
Our classroom has just been renovated. We have a new preschool sized potty and room layout. Our facility will be getting a brand-new playground this coming fall. We are very excited for this new feature our preschool and community will enjoy.