

Hello and Welcome to the Orange Classroom,

My name is Lizbeth Salinas, and I look forward to being your child's teacher along with Ms. Frances! I was born in Mexico but moved to Austin when I was six years old. I love to travel and exploring new places. Road trips are my family favorite! I have two daughters, Amy, who comes to FUMP, and Zoe, who is now in fourth grade. I have been working with children for six years. I started back in 2017 in Montessori as an assistant guide and quickly fell in love with the Montessori method; after two years of learning all about Montessori and learning hands-on, I became a Lead Guide. I was in teaching at a Montessori school for five years. I joined FUMP in October 2022 and have loved everything about it. I'm always looking forward to the experiences I will share with families and their children every year.

I believe that some of the most important skills your child will learn in preschool are social and emotional skills and independence. My hope is that your child will learn positive ways to express themselves, build a strong sense of self, and have a positive approach to learning. These are invaluable skills to carry as they grow as students. Here are some ways I plan to support these skills:

- Foster healthy attachments with teachers and friends
- Encourage independence
- Create an engaging and safe environment for open-ended exploration and movement
- Model emotion regulation while acknowledging their feelings
- Maintaining a flexible schedule that meets their needs and interests for the day

I will host classroom visits Friday, August 11th & Monday, Aug 14th. This will be a great opportunity for you to tell us about your child and for teachers to meet with your little one. You may also drop off your child's belongings so you don't have to worry about it on the first day of school. Some of the stuff you can leave in their cubby are:

- -Nap mat
- -Extra clothes
- -Diapers/ Wipes

Please feel free to contact me with any questions: lizbeth@fumcaustin.org

I look forward to meeting you and am super excited to start the new school year!

Sincerely,

Lizbeth Salinas