

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Canyon Rim Academy

As a charter school, Canyon Rim Academy has students that come from several areas and districts. Many of our students live in the Granite School District boundaries, specifically the secondary schools - Wasatch Jr. High, and Skyline High School.

The Skyline Network of schools includes the following elementary schools: Eastwood Elementary, Morningside Elementary, Upland Terrace Elementary and Oakridge Elementary. It also includes Churchill Jr. High School. Currently Skyline High serves students for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades, Wasatch & Churchill Jr. Highs serve 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

The Skyline Network has chosen to make a change in their grade configuration. Beginning next fall, August of 2017, Skyline High School will change to include 9<sup>th</sup> grade students (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>), and Wasatch Jr. High will serve 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Due to the changes brought on by the Skyline Network Grade Reconfiguration, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that live within the Wasatch Jr. High boundary have a choice this year - to remain at Canyon Rim Academy for 6<sup>th</sup> grade or to move on to Wasatch Jr. High school for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Since many of our CRA students are not in the Skyline Network, **we will continue to provide 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes for students** that choose to remain at Canyon Rim Academy for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We anticipate that many of our students that have the option to stay at CRA will do so.

We feel that our school provides a unique learning experience in all grades, including 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There are some great reasons for you to consider having your child to attend Canyon Rim Academy for 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

- At CRA, 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been specially designed to meet the needs of 11 and 12 year olds. Psychologists have noted that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year is a very important year developmentally. With this in mind, CRA teachers focus all year on knowing each student well, and helping each student grow academically, as well as emotionally and socially. Developmentally, students in this age group need structure, consistency and the nurturing from their teacher to further their growth as they make the physical and emotional transition from childhood to adolescence.
- At CRA, our philosophy provides opportunities for students to feel included in a community oriented classroom where all are accepted and encouraged to do their best.
- At CRA, we focus on students' personal responsibility and emphasize accountability, thus preparing them for a junior high setting.
- At CRA, our curriculum is integrated across subjects, with both Utah Core & Core Knowledge. The arts and music are weaved into most subjects.
- At CRA, our class ratio is 25 students (maximum) to one teacher, with one part-time aide.
- At CRA, our goal is to develop a life-long love of learning, through real-world relevance and hands-on instruction.
- At CRA, we value the whole child! Our central effort is to ensure that each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported & challenged.
- At CRA, as the highest grade in elementary school, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year gives another year of maturity, delaying exposure to older teens.