

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

Canyon Rim Academy is a Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade elementary school. As a charter school, Canyon Rim Academy has students that come from several areas and districts – we are a school without boundaries. Though the local school district has made changes to their secondary configuration and has included 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the grades they service, CRA opted to keep our 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes. We do have 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Canyon Rim Academy!

If you're interested in applying for our lottery for your 6<sup>th</sup> grader for 2021-2022, please email [info@canyonrimacademy.org](mailto:info@canyonrimacademy.org) for an application.

Here are a few reasons why we think 6<sup>th</sup> grade in an elementary setting is an essential part of a child's development...

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade at CRA has been specifically designed to meet the needs of 11 and 12 year olds. Psychologists have noted that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year is an important developmental year. Our teachers in 6<sup>th</sup> grade focus all year on knowing each student well, helping each student grow academically as well as emotionally and socially. This age group needs structure, consistency and nurturing from their teacher to further their growth as they make the physical and emotional transition from childhood to adolescence.
- As the highest grade in elementary school, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade year gives another year of maturity, delaying exposure to older teens. They get to be the “top dogs” in 6<sup>th</sup> grade rather than the “bottom dogs” in a junior high.
- Our philosophy provides opportunities for students to feel included in a community oriented classroom and a sense of belonging where all are accepted and encouraged to do their best.
- We focus on students' personal responsibility and emphasize accountability, thus preparing them for a junior high setting. Our goal is to develop a life-long love of learning, through real-world relevance and hands-on instruction. Curriculum is integrated across subjects.
- In addition to music, art & PE classes each week, extra-curricular programs such as band & orchestra classes, a Spring Shakespeare play, a science field trip to the Tetons, etc. are optional programs for 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Our class ratio is 26 students (maximum) to one teacher, with one part-time aide.
- We value the whole child! Our central effort is to ensure that each child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported & challenged.
- CRA was awarded the 2019 Charter School of the Year 🌟

Upon leaving for junior high school for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, our students typically feed into their junior high home school in the area where they live.