

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

### ***Year-Long Electives***

**Orchestra:** Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass (Violas, Cellos and Bases available from the school)

**Band:** Flute, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone, French Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, Percussion. Percussion includes Snare Drum, Bells and a variety of other instruments. There are school instruments available for many of these options.

**Choir:** Available to all students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will learn and perform a variety of music and learn how to read music. In the past, students have combined with drama for one performance in December.

### ***Wheel Courses (quarter, semester or trimester-long)***

**Beginning Drama:** Helps students gain an understanding of the communication process and function confidently in many verbal and nonverbal situations through improvisational games and creative drama activities. Students learn responsibility, cooperation, self-discipline, and self-confidence through these activities. Additionally, students benefit from having an outlet of self-expression and improve their imagination, artistic awareness, and fluency of speech. Students may also have the opportunity to participate in the Advanced Drama musical as an extra.

**Exploratory Music:** A history of music class, from medieval times to rock and roll. Students learn basic music reading, how to play the ukulele and more.

**Home Arts:** Students explore food and nutrition, clothing care, basic sewing techniques, child development, interior design, consumer awareness, entrepreneurship, and careers associated with these subject areas.

**Journalism:** Students become familiar with the technology used in desktop publishing. Writing, photography, page layout and interviewing are also a focus. Students compare journalistic styles of newspapers, magazines and broadcast news.

**Study Skills:** students learn strategies for being academically successful. The curriculum is designed to help students:

- Understand that they have control over their academic success.
- Understand that learning is important.
- Reduce anxiety about schoolwork.
- Improve listening skills, reading skills, and much more.