

CRMS 6th Grade Orchestra – Course Description

6th Grade Orchestra is a full year elective course in which students will learn the basics of playing a string instrument, develop musicianship and reading skills, and play a variety of music for orchestra. Optional instruments for orchestra are the violin (smallest/highest sounding), viola, cello, and bass (largest/lowest sounding). Previous experience on an instrument is not required for enrollment in orchestra; students will receive weekly pull-out lessons in addition to class time to focus on developing strengths on their chosen instrument. Lesson and concert attendance is required - there will be many opportunities for students to perform in and outside of school throughout the school year.

Materials and Supplies:

- A quality string instrument (rent or purchase) with bow, instrument case, rosin and shoulder rest (shoulder rest needed for violin and viola players only).
- Method book: Essential Elements 2000 Book I for your instrument (approx. \$8)
- Concert wear: black shoes/socks, black skirt/pants, white top with collar for boys (tie optional), white or black top for girls

Violin and viola students bring their instruments to and from school daily. Most cello and bass players leave their instruments at home and use the school's in class, since their instruments are larger. School instruments may be used permanently for special circumstances if there are some available.