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 Grade level: 7th Grade

Attendance		<b>Grading Legend:</b> 4 = Student is exceeding grade level expectations 3 = Student is achieving grade level expectations 2 = Student is working at or near grade level expectations 1 = Student is working below grade level expectations N/A = Not Applicable this term <b>Note:</b> As a school policy, all narratives are intentionally written without pronouns. Classes meeting once a week include a subject description but not individualized benchmarks or narrative reports.
Category	Count	
Tardy Excused	0	
Absent Excused	6	
Grades		

**7th Grade Homeroom/Advisory - Karen Harvey**

	Fall
<b>Organization</b>	
<i>Enters school on time, prepared, and ready to learn</i>	3
<i>Organizes cubby and work materials</i>	3
<i>Makes transitions independently, arriving on time and with necessary materials</i>	3
<b>Social Development and Community Membership</b>	
<i>Respects the rights, feelings, and opinions of others</i>	3
<i>Interacts with peers in a positive and productive manner</i>	3
<i>Participates in the care and organization of the classroom environment</i>	3
<i>Has a positive attitude toward school and learning</i>	3
<i>Resolves conflicts constructively</i>	3
<i>Interacts with adults in a positive and productive manner</i>	3
<i>Accepts responsibility and respectfully responds to feedback.</i>	3
<i>Seeks adult support when needed</i>	3
<i>Cooperatively and collaboratively participates in group and social activities</i>	3
<i>Engages actively in homeroom routines</i>	3
<i>Actively seeks ways to lead by example and model positive community citizenship</i>	3

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Subject description		
<p>Seventh-Grade Homeroom serves as a vital space for students to transition into the school day, fostering a sense of belonging and community within the grade level. Each morning, students gather to connect with peers, organize for the day ahead, and participate in activities that strengthen relationships and build a positive school culture. This time encourages reflection, goal-setting, and collaboration, helping students develop both academic and social-emotional skills.</p> <p>A key focus of homeroom is affinity groups, where students engage in meaningful discussions on social justice topics. These groups provide a supportive environment for students to explore identity, equity, and advocacy, empowering them to make a positive impact in their school community and beyond.</p> <p>Beyond morning meetings, students extend their engagement through SPARK sessions and lunchtime clubs, where they connect with middle school peers around shared interests, leadership opportunities, and creative pursuits. Whether participating in student-led initiatives, joining collaborative projects, or simply building friendships, homeroom serves as a foundation for personal growth and community-building throughout the school year.</p>		
Narrative 2024-2025		
<p>Kira consistently arrives at school each morning with a positive attitude, ready to engage in the day's activities. The morning homeroom period is often spent socializing with classmates, setting a welcoming tone for the day.</p> <p>This semester, Kira has played a pivotal role in the 7th grade's production of "The Mouse Trap." Kira's involvement extends beyond acting, as Kira is frequently involved in practicing lines, working on blocking and organizing costumes and other necessary tasks for the play. This dedication has been crucial to the play's ongoing preparation and success. While conflicts are rare for Kira, when they do arise, Kira handles them with maturity and respect. This approach ensures that disagreements are resolved constructively, maintaining positive relationships within the peer group.</p> <p>Academically, Kira is diligent and punctual with assignments and projects, consistently demonstrating attention to detail. This work ethic has contributed to high-quality outcomes across the subject areas. Throughout the year, Kira has emerged as a strong leader within the 7th grade. Kira's ability to connect socially with peers has not only made Kira a central figure in the class but also enhanced the overall community spirit.</p> <p>As the semester progresses, Kira is encouraged to continue fostering these leadership and social skills, further strengthening the bonds within the school community and setting a positive example for peers.</p>		

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**7th Grade Humanities - Christopher Gandolfo-Lucia**

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<b>English</b>	
<i>Determines a theme or central idea of a text and analyzes its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot</i>	3
<i>Analyzes how particular lines of dialogue or incidents in a story or drama propel the action, reveal aspects of a character, or provoke a decision</i>	3
<i>Makes inferences about setting, plot, characters, and events, and supports them with evidence from the text</i>	3
<i>Uses precise words and phrases to capture and convey experiences and information</i>	4
<i>Uses evidence from texts effectively to strengthen arguments and prove a thesis in an essay</i>	4
<i>Organizes ideas in writing in a way that makes sense of their purpose. Essays may include an effective rebuttal to anticipated counter claims.</i>	4
<i>Writes with a clear voice and style appropriate for the piece of writing</i>	4
<i>Accepts and incorporates peer and teacher feedback to improve writing pieces</i>	4
<i>Applies revision and editing techniques to polish writing pieces effectively</i>	3
<i>Correctly uses past, present, and future verb tenses</i>	3
<i>Correctly uses simple, compound, and complex sentences</i>	3
<i>Employs proper use of punctuation</i>	3
<i>Accurately incorporates new vocabulary into work</i>	3

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<b>History</b>	
<i>Uses the skills of historians to analyze, interpret, and evaluate historical sources</i>	4
<i>Understands and is able to analyze a text for bias and subjectivity</i>	4
<i>Constructs a historical argument and uses evidence to support it</i>	4
<i>Explains causes and effects of historical events</i>	3
<i>Analyzes primary source documents for purpose, audience, and message</i>	3
<i>Analyzes and explains the meaning and context of visuals such as paintings and political cartoons</i>	4
<i>Participates in discussions of current events that relate to historical events and concepts</i>	3
<i>Understands the difference between a secondary and a primary source</i>	3
<i>Analyzes and interprets geographic information</i>	3
<i>Explains the historical attitudes and treatment of marginalized communities in the U.S. and the major events, leaders, and changes in the rights of those groups over time.</i>	4
<i>Understands the relationship between economic, political, and social change, as well as the ways in which they intersect.</i>	4
<i>Understands the fundamental ideas central to the vision of the 18th century founders of our democracy</i>	3
<i>Understands the intellectual and political tensions and compromises in the founder's ideas and how successive generations in the US have worked to resolve them</i>	3
<i>Understands the purposes, principles, and practices of the US government as established by the Constitution, including their rights and responsibilities</i>	3
<i>Understands that the Constitution has continued to be vibrant and relevant through amendments and decisions of the federal courts</i>	3
<i>Understands how individuals, groups, and organizations have addressed obstacles to democratic principles by working within the structure set forth in the Constitution</i>	3
<b>Research</b>	
<i>Perseveres through the inquiry process, including the development of appropriately rigorous research questions</i>	N/A
<i>Identifies and uses credible sources when conducting research</i>	3
<i>Presents research in an organized, coherent, and polished manner</i>	3
<i>Uses technology effectively to produce and publish writing and to interact and collaborate with others</i>	2
<i>Presents claims and findings in a focused and coherent manner, using appropriate eye contact and adequate volume</i>	3

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<b>Work habits</b>	
<i>Practices the skills and habits of citizenship, community, and scholarship in order to be a successful independent and collaborative learner</i>	3
<i>Completes assignments in a timely and thoughtful manner</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates appropriate effort.</i>	3
<i>Participates in class actively by making contributions, asking questions, and engaging with classmates in the work</i>	3
<i>Listens actively to teachers and classmates</i>	3
<i>Seeks assistance when needed</i>	3
<i>Accepts responsibility and respectfully responds to feedback.</i>	3
<i>Interacts with adults in a positive and productive manner</i>	3
<i>Interacts with peers in a positive and productive manner</i>	3
<i>Takes effective notes that summarize relevant information concisely</i>	3

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<b>Comments</b>	
Subject description	
<p>In seventh-grade humanities, students learn to engage with literature in meaningful and thought-provoking ways. We use a variety of historical and contemporary texts and resources to make personal connections between our individual experiences and the greater world in which we live. Through projects, writing assignments, and discussions, students work collaboratively to establish a positive learning environment that aims to honor all perspectives, similarities, and differences. Students strengthen their critical thinking and literacy skills by engaging with more complex literature, developing their writing skills across a variety of genres, and honing their ability to evaluate history responsibly and the multiple perspectives that create it. Students also engage in a year-long writing workshop, using a variety of active and collaborative methods to conceive ideas, shape pieces, and build community. The Cambridge Friends School Quaker testimonies provide the lens through which we view our curriculum and conduct our discussions.</p> <p>Students' primary focus this semester was a full-class read of Howard Zinn's <i>A Young People's History of the United States</i> to underpin our class's ongoing focus on American history and the foundations of American democracy. While reading each chapter, students encountered related primary sources in class and demonstrated their findings through journal entries, presentations, posters, comics, and political cartoons. In addition to these mini-projects and in-class discussions, students' responded to sections of the book with response paragraphs, practicing quoting direct evidence and analyzing historical narratives. Throughout the second half of Zinn's text, students began practicing a discussion protocol that assigned individual students responsibility for preparing discussion questions, identifying passages for discussion, gathering further information during discussions whenever needed, and taking notes on the discussion. This protocol encouraged students to practice supportive collaboration skills, and the collective notes that they produced supported their writing when working on response paragraphs. This reading culminated in an essay assignment during which students analyzed Zinn's bias and perspective, building on bias-detection skills practiced throughout the semester.</p> <p>This semester also contained a substantive independent reading component. At the beginning of the school year, students worked to establish consistent routines around independent reading projects and sustained these habits through weekly reading periods in the library. Early in the semester, students built a communal glossary of literary terms for discussing literature and practiced comparing characters, plots, and settings across multiple books. In October and January, students shared their independent reading via book talks. In addition to supporting healthy, wide-ranging reading habits and encouraging students to develop their tastes as readers, this independent reading program also provides students the opportunity to practice oral presentation skills.</p>	
Narrative 2024-2025	
<p>Throughout this semester, Kira has been an insightful, thorough, and driven student in humanities class. Kira has contributed incisive comments to class discussions and has always based these comments on clear references to specific information from the text at hand, and although Kira has sometimes needed teacher prompting to contribute to discussions, Kira's contributions have always elevated the level of the discussion and encouraged classmates to match Kira's intellectual engagement. Kira has often volunteered to scribe notes during class discussions and has demonstrated a remarkable set of skills for summarizing information in clear, digestible ways; these notes have been a wonderful resource for other students when they have been working on writing pieces related to the topics of previous class discussions. As a writer, Kira has consistently crafted thorough, well-supported arguments that weave together evidence and analysis in a clear, engaging fashion, and Kira's analysis has always gone beyond surface-level interpretations, demonstrating a clear capacity for independent thought and reasoning. Kira has been particularly skilled at directly quoting evidence to support a main point. Kira has demonstrated strong comprehension and analysis skills across both fiction and nonfiction texts and has excelled at detecting bias in nonfiction texts by comparing authors' tones and choices of information. During independent reading sessions, Kira has been focused and motivated, and Kira has confidently selected advanced texts for these projects. Kira's oral book reports on independent reading projects have been detailed and have clearly met content expectations, although Kira has often also emphasized brevity over depth of analysis and discussion, so a goal for Kira throughout the second half of the school year will be to prepare slightly longer, more in-depth presentations that match Kira's level of engagement in other aspects of class. Overall, Kira has been an excellent student in humanities class this semester.</p>	

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## 7th Grade Math - Karen Harvey

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<b>Math skills</b>	
<i>Solves problems involving scale drawings of geometric figures, including computing actual lengths and areas</i>	3
<i>Reproduces a two-dimensional geometric figure at a different scale</i>	N/A
<i>Identifies the circumference, diameter, and radius of a circle and can solve for any one part, given another</i>	N/A
<i>Uses the formulas for the area and circumference of a circle to solve problems</i>	N/A
<i>Finds areas and perimeters of shapes constructed of circle(s), circular parts, and quadrilaterals</i>	N/A
<i>Computes unit rates associated with ratios of fractions including ratios of lengths, areas, and other quantities measured in like or different units</i>	3
<i>Identifies the constant of proportionality (unit rate) in tables, graphs equations diagrams, and verbal descriptions of proportional relationships</i>	3
<i>Represents proportional relationships by equations</i>	3
<i>Uses proportional relationships to solve multistep ratio and percent problems</i>	3
<i>Decides whether two quantities are in a proportional relationship</i>	3
<i>Shows that a number and its opposite are additive inverses; interprets sums of rational numbers by describing real-world contexts</i>	3
<i>Understands subtraction of rational numbers as adding the additive inverse</i>	3
<i>Applies and extends previous understandings of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of integers and fractions to compute with rational numbers</i>	3
<i>Understands ordering and absolute value of rational numbers</i>	3
<i>Solves word problems leading to equations of the form <math>px + q = r</math> and <math>p(x + q) = r</math>; fluently</i>	N/A
<i>Uses facts about supplementary, complementary, vertical and adjacent angles in a multi-step problem to write and solve simple equations for an unknown angle in a figure</i>	N/A
<i>Solves real-world and mathematical problems involving area, volume, and surface area of two and three-dimensional objects composed of triangles, quadrilaterals, polygons, cubes, and right prisms</i>	N/A
<i>Describes the two-dimensional figures that result from slicing three-dimensional figures, as in plane sections of right rectangular prisms and right rectangular pyramids</i>	N/A
<i>Uses data from a random sample to draw inferences about a population with an unknown characteristic of interest</i>	N/A
<i>Uses measures of center and measures of variability for numerical data from random samples to draw informal comparative inferences about two populations</i>	N/A
<i>Uses variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem and constructs simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities</i>	N/A
<i>Understands that the probability of a chance event is a number between 0 and 1 that expresses the likelihood of the event occurring</i>	N/A
<i>Approximates the probability of a chance event by collecting data in the chance process that produces it and observing its long-run relative frequency, and predict the approximate relative frequency given the probability</i>	N/A
<i>Compares probabilities from a model to observed frequencies; if the agreement is inaccurate, explain possible sources of the discrepancy</i>	N/A
<i>Finds probabilities of compound events using organized lists, tables, tree diagrams, and simulations</i>	N/A



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<i>Understands that the probability of a compound event is the fraction of outcomes in the sample space for which the compound event occurs</i>	N/A
<i>Solves multi-step real-life and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers</i>	N/A
<b>Work habits and attitude</b>	
<i>Perseveres in solving challenging problems</i>	3
<i>Reasons abstractly and quantitatively</i>	3
<i>Constructs viable arguments and critiques the reasoning of others</i>	3
<i>Models with mathematics</i>	3
<i>Uses appropriate tools strategically</i>	3
<i>Attends to precision</i>	3
<i>Looks for and makes use of patterns and structure</i>	3
<i>Thoroughly completes assignments</i>	3
<i>Completes homework assignments on time</i>	3
<i>Asks questions, takes notes, and engages with concepts and materials</i>	3
<i>Actively participates in class</i>	3
<i>Comes to class prepared</i>	3
<i>Seeks assistance when needed</i>	3
<b>Comments</b>	
Subject description	
<p>Seventh-grade math begins the year with an in-depth exploration of ratios and proportions, building a strong foundation for proportional reasoning. Students start by analyzing equivalent ratios and identifying proportional relationships in tables, graphs, and equations. Through real-world applications, they develop strategies to solve unit rate problems, reinforcing their understanding of proportionality. Expanding on these skills, students explore percent increase and decrease, applying their knowledge to problems involving discounts, markups, taxes, and interest. Using visual models such as double number lines and percent bars, they connect proportional reasoning to percent calculations, strengthening their ability to solve multi-step problems. As the unit progresses, students extend their understanding of ratios to more complex problems involving fractions and rational numbers. They use their knowledge of arithmetic with positive and negative rational numbers to solve ratio problems in a variety of contexts. Through problem-solving and real-world applications, students build fluency with rational number operations, setting the stage for more advanced algebraic concepts later in the year.</p>	
Narrative 2024-2025	
<p>Kira has exhibited a strong conceptual foundation in math, which has driven success this year at Cambridge Friends School. Consistent levels of accuracy have been maintained across all covered subjects. Particularly notable is the development of a solid understanding of arithmetic with rational numbers, along with providing support to peers in mastering these concepts. Quick grasping of beginning pre-algebra skills, such as writing and interpreting algebraic expressions, has also been demonstrated. Moving forward, it would be beneficial for Kira to seek out more math challenges and embrace the identity of a strong math student. Engaging with more complex problems and exploring advanced topics will further develop skills and boost confidence in mathematics. Encouragement and opportunities to tackle these challenges will be key to continued growth and success in math.</p>	



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**7th Grade Science - Carolyn Sohn**

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<b>Science/engineering processes</b>	
<i>Uses tools appropriately and as necessary to gather qualitative and quantitative data</i>	3
<i>Uses creative design to solve problems</i>	3
<i>Plans effective experimental procedures and makes logical hypotheses and predictions</i>	3
<i>Organizes data in appropriate form for interpretation and recognizes patterns in data</i>	3
<i>Includes reasons or evidence to support scientific arguments or conclusions</i>	3
<i>Records close observations of the natural world and scientific phenomena</i>	3
<i>Identifies questions that can be answered through investigation</i>	3
<b>Articulation of knowledge</b>	
<i>Demonstrates understanding of concepts, facts, and vocabulary during class discussions</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates understanding of concepts, facts, and vocabulary in written work and projects</i>	4
<b>Work habits and attitude</b>	
<i>Participates actively and engages in an appropriate manner in lessons and activities</i>	4
<i>Approaches work with curiosity, openness to new experiences, and demonstrates a growth mindset</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates cooperative learning by supporting intellectual risk-taking, actively listening, and participating positively in group work</i>	3
<i>Uses class time constructively and works in a focused manner</i>	4
<i>Perseveres on difficult tasks and in problem solving</i>	3
<i>Completes homework thoroughly and on time</i>	4
<i>Shows awareness of individuals level of comprehension and uses available resources to further their learning</i>	3

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**7th Grade Science - Carolyn Sohn**

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Subject description	
<p>Seventh-grade science begins with the basics of lab safety. Students are expected to demonstrate their knowledge of safe practices both in formative and summative assessments throughout the academic year. Additionally, students review the metric system and the basic set-up of a scientifically sound experiment.</p> <p>Following this first unit about lab safety and science basics, students dive into earth science with the "Rocks, Minerals, and Soil" unit. This unit takes up the majority of the fall term. First, students learn about the properties of rocks and minerals through a variety of hands-on explorations. To show their knowledge of minerals, students complete an individual research project about a mineral of their choosing. After their initial research, students design a presentation to teach their classmates about the mineral. In addition to this project, students work in small groups to identify unknown mineral samples in their first lab of the year. Students are guided through this first argument-based inquiry investigation, in which they are asked to design and implement a lab experiment to answer the investigation question. After the experiment, they worked to synthesize a claim based on their gathered data. This type of lab investigation is utilized throughout the year with increasing independence as students gain essential skills and confidence. Next, students learn about the types of rocks and the rock cycle through a variety of in-class activities and written homework assignments. As a culminating project, students create a "Rock Memoir" detailing the life of a personified rock going through the rock cycle. At the end of the unit, students gain an understanding of the importance of soil through a variety of activities, which builds on their knowledge of rocks and helps to connect it to the study of life science from sixth grade.</p> <p>The next unit of study is "Fossils and Geologic Time." In this unit, students build upon their understanding of rocks and rock formation by studying how fossils form. As part of this unit, students create a scale timeline of geologic time from the beginning of Earth until the present day. This helps students to contextualize various fossils that have been studied, and to comprehend how little time humans have existed on Earth. At the end of this unit, students</p> <p>Earth's layers are the next unit of study, with a particular emphasis on the movement of tectonic plates and how they are related to volcanoes and earthquakes. When first learning about the tectonic plates, students use graham crackers and shaving cream to simulate plate movement, then use fossil and geologic data to figure out a Pangaea "puzzle" in order to understand the movement of the continents. Students also complete a plate tectonics investigation using the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Natural Hazards Viewer. This online, data-filled map tool allows students to gather data on earthquakes and volcanoes at different types of plate boundaries and determine what if any, patterns exist in their data.</p>	
Narrative 2024-2025	
<p>Kira is an extremely consistent and creative student in science. Kira comes to class prepared each day, with all homework done on time or early. Kira often works with a small group of friends on assignments, which allows Kira to discuss the concepts in addition to writing about them. This leads to deeper learning of the concept and allows Kira to strengthen friendships as well. Kira has had several standout projects this term. Kira's rock memoir project was an entire hand-painted picture book created from cardboard! Kira's incredible watercolors and hilarious narrative (while also being scientifically accurate) were above and beyond the project requirements. At the end of the fossils and geologic time unit, seventh-grade students had an open-ended fossil project in which they chose a fossil topic and type of project to tackle. Kira made an entire gossip magazine called "Tyrannosaurus Tea." The magazine was brilliant scientifically-themed satire, including articles such as "Deinonychus Comments on Slander" and "Is Iguanodon Vegan? And should you be, too?" Going into the second half of the year, Kira is encouraged to keep putting 100% effort (and humor) into the many creative projects in seventh-grade science!</p>	

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**7th Grade Spanish - Jose Lopez Espinosa**

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<b>Spanish</b>	
<i>Researches and designs an original "Piñata", and its origin. (Piñata Project)</i>	4
<i>Helps to set up the Day of the Dead altar from beginning to end</i>	3
<i>Writes and performs original restaurant skit with partners (cooperative project)</i>	4
<i>Reports periodic current events of various Spanish-speaking countries</i>	4
<i>Identifies dances of Spanish-speaking countries (salsa, tango, flamenco, mariachi, merengue and reggeton)</i>	4
<i>Listens and responds in writing to unit-based questions in Spanish (quizzes)</i>	4
<i>Listens and responds to impromptu questions in Spanish (orally) in class</i>	4
<i>Reads and follows written instruction in Spanish</i>	4
<i>Illustrates ability to understand text in Spanish (quizzes and homework)</i>	3
<i>Participates in Spanish (simple responses)</i>	4
<i>Researches about the "Alebrijes" and starts making one with wood material</i>	3
<i>Responds to and formulates questions using five basic interrogatives (who, what, when, where and why)</i>	4
<i>Pronounces Spanish with a developing native accent (focusing on accents, tildes, intonation, flow of words)</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates fluency of Spanish in simple classroom conversations</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates fluency of Spanish during presentations and recordings</i>	4
<i>Completes daily homework assignments on time</i>	4
<i>Thoroughly completes assignments</i>	4
<i>Participates actively and cooperatively in class</i>	4
<i>Asks questions, takes notes, engages with concepts and materials</i>	4
<i>Seeks assistance when needed</i>	3
<i>Comes to class prepared</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates attentive and positive attitude</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates knowledge of dates, days, months</i>	4
<i>Identifies/determines basic parts of speech: nouns, articles, verbs and adjectives</i>	4
<i>Correctly pairs pronouns with verb forms</i>	4
<i>Exhibits recall/retention of vocabulary (quizzes and homework)</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates complexity and clarity of writing in Spanish (journal entries)</i>	3
<i>Uses subject pronouns and the present tense of regular -AR, -ER, and -IR ending verbs</i>	4
<i>Expresses oneself in simple affirmative and negative sentences</i>	3

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<i>Demonstrates proficiency in the use of irregular verbs in the present tense, including SER, ESTAR, TENER, IR, VIVIR, LLAMARSE, MOVERSE, VIAJAR, etc</i>	4
<i>Understands and applies the present, past, and future using both regular and irregular verbs in these three tenses.</i>	3
<b>Comments</b>	
Subject description	
Spanish in seventh grade was a total immersion course in which students expand their proficiency in the Spanish language. Students delve deeply into the language through the study of Hispanic culture and current events. The course synthesizes the grammar covered in fifth and sixth grades and introduces the preterit, keeps expanding the simple present, and also an introduction to future tense. Students speak, listen, write, and read from simple sentences to longer sentences. The students used authentic sources like podcasts, videos, newspaper articles, and songs to learn and communicate about a variety of topics in Spanish. This is a highly communicative course; the students work individually and collaboratively in class and on assessments such as projects and presentations.	
Narrative 2024-2025	
This semester, Kira stood out as a very engaged, responsible, and motivated student. When the class did the "Piñata Project," Kira was completely immersed. Kira asked questions all the time regarding the content being taught in the course. Kira turned in classwork promptly and took notes without being asked. Kira liked to take advantage of each class and always stayed on task. Kira is eager to expand Spanish vocabulary, which will help Kira move forward and improve listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. Kira already knows how to build long sentences and is currently working on how to write in paragraphs. Using the online tools was a fun way for the students to review, incorporating all the benchmarks. Moving forward, Kira is ready to keep learning Spanish in this spring.	

**7th Grade Drama - Jennifer Salvucci Bent**

	Fall
<b>Drama</b>	
<i>Listens closely to directions</i>	4
<i>Demonstrates respect for the stage</i>	3
<i>Works independently, focusing attention on tasks at hand</i>	4
<i>Challenges themselves in text analysis and character building (does not merely do the bare minimum)</i>	3
<i>Encourages their peers onstage and works together to ensure the growth and connection of the ensemble</i>	4

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During the early part of the fall semester, the seventh-graders began working on their first full-scale production at CFS. Tasked with capturing the subtle humor of our witty who-dunit, the seventh grade embraced the rehearsal process for our adaptation of Agatha Christie's <i>Mousetrap</i> . Having read the play last year in Humanities, the class was in agreement that this would be their seventh grade production, fully realizing that this is a much bigger challenge than the one-act comedy done in past years. With two acts and dark undertones, <i>Mousetrap</i> proved to be just what this class needed! Their work ethic is admirable as they work together to capture the humor and pacing of this challenging script. From blocking (where they move onstage) and learning their lines to costumes, set and lighting design, the students have been learning what goes on behind the scenes as well. They eagerly take on new projects and consistently put their all into each rehearsal. It is incredibly exciting to watch as a teacher as the journey of each production showcases the emotional, social, and developmental growth of the students.		
Narrative 2024-2025		
Kira has continued to demonstrate enormous growth as an actor and student this year. Kira understands the meaning of being part of an ensemble in that everything you do reflects the entire group. Kira's character development for the role of "Detective Trotter" in our production of Agatha Christie's <i>Mousetrap</i> is stellar, with layered depth that combines quick wit, charm, and intelligence. Kira was also among the first to memorize all lines fully, understanding the need to time-manage this task with academic homework, and always volunteered if a peer or teacher needed assistance. Behind the scenes, Kira's dedication to this production knows no bounds. Kira volunteered to take on the job of editing the original script to fit within the constraints of our audience (no swears, violence, etc.). Kira also has helped with costume creation, drafting a Pinterest board that assigned each character a color that fit their mood and emotional levels throughout the show. Kira is an incredibly valued member of our seventh-grade community.		

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**7th Grade Visual Art - Sami Martasian**

	Fall
<b>Visual Art</b>	
<i>Demonstrates respect for classmates in the studio</i>	3
<i>Actively listens and is attentive during instructions and demonstrations</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates persistence working on projects and asks for help when needed</i>	3
<i>Communicates knowledge, emotions, and understanding using a range of mediums and materials</i>	4
<i>Experiments and explores a variety of materials and tools</i>	4
<i>Works cooperatively and collaboratively on visual arts projects and displays</i>	3
<i>Uses studio process on major projects, brainstorming, rough drafts, editing, and final drafts</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates independent work habits while supporting classmates</i>	4
<i>Reflects on personal history and completed work developing an understanding of personal process or growth</i>	3
<i>Communicates and gives feedback in a number of critique situations including one on one, small group, whole class, and public presentation</i>	4
<i>Participates and engages in an appropriate manner in discussions and activities</i>	3
<i>Approaches activities with a positive attitude</i>	3
<i>Takes care of materials and tools and uses them appropriately</i>	4
<i>Recognizes and utilizes a variety of sources for artistic imagery, including observation, abstraction, imagination and expression</i>	3
<i>Explores a variety of materials and media, and chooses specific materials to produce different visual effects</i>	4
<i>Experiments with ideas and uses inventiveness in problem solving</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates an understanding of visual art concepts presented</i>	4
<i>Uses time constructively and works in a focused manner</i>	4

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**7th Grade Visual Art - Sami Martasian**

		Fall
<b>Comments</b>		
Subject description		
<p>Seventh-grade students have spent this fall making work but also deepening their understanding of art history and culture. Each student began the school year by making a talking piece to be used in Restorative justice circles and community time. These were made with care and consideration of their connection to indigenous cultures that inform our understanding of Restorative Justice. Seventh-grade students then participated in making Alebrijes to be displayed on our Day of the Dead Ofrenda along with the rest of the middle school. All grades participating in the project first studied the life and work of Pedro Lienares Lopez, who is credited with beginning the tradition. Though this is a yearly project, students approach it each year with different materials; this year, the medium was colorful air dry clay and paint markers. Linoleum block printmaking was the next project these artists embarked on. After studying the work of artists like Kathe Kolwitz, Latoya Hobbes, and Peter Schumman (Bread and Puppet Theater), each student created an image that communicated one of the Quaker Testimonies. Then, linoleum blocks were carved, and multiple colorways were printed. The class also created a shared piece that included a print from each student and some printed on fabric to be sewn onto clothes. Next, seventh-grade students studied examples of public art and memorials, such as Chicano Park in San Diego and Maya Lin's Vietnam War Memorial. These works inspired students to create a miniature model of a possible piece of public art, complete with a written proposal outlining where this work would be and what it would mean for community members interacting with it. Seventh-grade students will close out this semester by constructing and designing sets for their upcoming drama performance.</p>		
Narrative 2024-2025		
<p>Kira is a creative student who brings great focus to each project made in the art room. Kira produced a handful of successful linoleum plate prints: one large sailboat navigating swirling choppy waters and another two smaller ones depicting planets. Each one was carved with precision and attention to detail and then printed clearly in different colorways. After studying the history of Chicano Park, Kira created a hypothetical proposal for a public monument of interest. Kira's monument celebrated the connection between spirituality and science, with a wish for peace to be born from the two working in tandem. Kira's concept sketches are graceful; the design is abstract but does indeed evoke the synergetic relationship Kira aimed to celebrate. Kira is a helpful presence in the art room and has been instrumental in the organization and creation of props and sets for the seventh-grade drama production.</p>		



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**7th grade Physical Education - Angelo Valle**

	Fall
<b>Physical education</b>	
<i>Comes to class prepared and ready to participate</i>	3
<i>Comes to class positive and cooperative</i>	3
<i>Listens attentively and follows directions</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates safe, responsible behavior that respects self and others.</i>	3
<i>Able to run and find their own pace</i>	2
<i>Demonstrates flexibility and coordination</i>	2
<i>Demonstrates developing throwing skills</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates developing catching skills</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates developing striking skills</i>	3
<i>Demonstrates growth in self confidence</i>	3
<i>Contributes to group and team initiatives</i>	2
<i>Demonstrates tactical understanding during team games</i>	2
<i>Able to accept game outcomes</i>	3
<i>Understands sportsmanship as a critical component of physical education</i>	3
<i>Receptive to teacher feedback</i>	3
<b>Comments</b>	
Subject description	
<p>In the first semester of Grade 7 Physical Education, we began each class period with a pace run to warm up for the ensuing activities while developing conditioning and endurance. The focus then turned to developing coordination and flexibility through dynamic movements and stretches to prepare the muscles for activity. Through cooperative games and team-building activities, we focused on team cooperative skills before moving on to the competitive team games of soccer, football, and basketball. Throughout the semester, we worked on developing good sportsmanship and building the physical fitness skills involved in those sports, including kicking, receiving, passing, dribbling, shooting, throwing, catching, changing direction, and responding and reacting.</p>	
Narrative 2024-2025	
<p>Kira has had a strong beginning of the year. Usually bringing positive energy to the class, Kira is typically ready to participate upon arrival. The pace run that starts each class is sometimes a slight challenge for Kira, who occasionally needs to be reminded to find a pace that can be run the entire time instead of slowing down or stopping occasionally. Kira sometimes needs to be reminded to pay closer attention to form, technique, and proper range of motion during dynamic stretches. Kira usually listens attentively to instructions for the ensuing activity and accepts feedback and suggestions. While demonstrating improving skills, Kira is often hesitant to employ game concepts or strategies that we have discussed, such as how to move into space to create a passing lane through which a teammate could pass the ball or track an opponent to defend against. When Kira has been involved as a helpful team member in the various sports units, it has shown a positive outcome of improved applied effort and teamwork. Some goals for Kira would be to put forth the best effort possible in order to gain the most benefits from class activities and to help the team as much as possible.</p>	

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**Chat - Gabriela van Veen, Camilla Buba**

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<p>Grade 7</p> <p>Throughout the fall trimester 7th grade students learned about various topics related to mental health, executive function, healthy relationships/bullying, and identity. Our first class focused on group rules and what environment we want to have as a community during chat. The students were into the idea of creating classroom rules that fit the needs of the group while also allowing flexibility, for example: “ minor tangents allowed as long as they are appropriate and brief.” With this little area for creativity I have found that it has helped to foster their sense of community as a class as well as helped us to connect what we are learning about to other ideas and form connections. Our curriculum started with a get to know you/ identity activity. I had students think about core parts of their identity, traits, hopes, and parts of themselves. Then had them create a map that labeled those pieces as places on an island, and one student made a nebula of stars to represent themselves. Some of the places on the maps were listed as; going to high school, favorite singers, anxiety, video games, and friends. From here we moved onto relationship building and discussed topics of vulnerability and communication styles to help foster positive and healthy relationships. We then shifted to discuss bullying, what qualifies as bullying, what to do if bullying is happening, how to be an upstander, and the rules surrounding bullying in the school and state of Massachusetts. We did a lesson on responsible decision making and executive functioning and used the real life example from the Apollo 13 mission. The class was really connected with this project because it was realistic compared to a fake scenario. The students were able to look at each item and understand the prioritized list of why and when each item was selected to aid in the mission. We used that example to look at what might need to be prioritized in their life and why certain things have a higher ranking than others. We also learned about stress and anxiety and what good stress and bad stress is and how it can show up for people. One lesson that we did was all about our vagus nerve and the parasympathetic nervous system. The students were really interested in the science behind anxiety and how our bodies can become overactive and what coping skills we can use to help it regulate back to baseline. We played “self care” bingo and talked about how self care looks different for everyone and that taking care of ourselves plays a big role in our own unique identities.</p>		