

Oyama Elementary School



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Welcome to Oyama!

We are happy that you have chosen Oyama to educate your child! Oyama is an adventure where students are exposed and encouraged through literature and project-based learning to explore the world they live in. They are led through questioning techniques to help them express what they are thinking and wondering about. From this interest students are taught to research and find answers to more complex solutions. Our goal is to ensure that students understand what they are learning and how it has meaning to their own lives.

Oyama is not just an academic school but is also dedicated to the educating the whole child. This year we have a full time Counselor who will bring to the students a program called Character Strong. Each month the students will have a theme, August is "Kindnesss" that they work on to earn Dragon Tickets as they show these characteristics through their actions. We also have a full time Social Worker again this year that will engage the students in "Healthy Play". This program teachs students how to play and have fun as well as how to work out problems when they arise during play. We also will continue our partnership with Casa de Los Ninos to help families and students further beyond the school day.

We are excited to pick up your child's learning in their new grade level. We will be doing student led parent/teacher meetings through out the year to keep you aware of your child's progress. Our first meeting will be our Open House, Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 pm. We will meet as a whole group and then your child will take you to their classroom and show their "data" notebook that will help them and you keep track of their progress towards goals of meeting the Arizona State Standards.

Our office will open starting Tuesday, July 25. We look forward to serving you and your child this year!

Sincerely, Tamara Christopherson, Principal