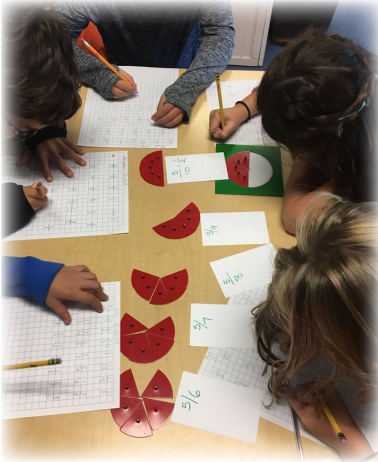


Upper Elementary



“My greatest joy are those “aha!” moments – like when students understand why long division works..”
 –Mr. Todd, teacher

Montessori Peaks Academy Upper Elementary includes fourth through sixth grades.

MPA continues to offer 6th grade. We believe, and evidence supports, that finishing the three-year learning cycle at MPA gives students the leadership, skills, and confidence to thrive in middle school, and beyond.

Upper Elementary children range in age from 9 to 12. They are in the “second plane of development.” Each Upper Elementary classroom is designed to help children develop independence and learning according to the developmental stage.

Common characteristics of children ages 9 to 12	How MPA nurtures 9 to 12-year-olds
They are figuring out how they fit into the larger community and they seek fairness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging 6th graders to mentor younger students • Providing social and independent learning structures. • Teaching students how to navigate and improve their community • Including geography, culture, and language as areas of study.
They are expanding their imagination, creativity, and ability to think abstractly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporating the power of stories into lessons. • Continuing to provide concrete learning experiences but increasing the focus on abstract learning. • Connecting STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) to all areas of the curriculum.
They look for peer role models and acceptance, and look for opportunities to lead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using a three-year learning cycle to teach the Jeffco curriculum up to, and beyond, state standards. • Including 6th graders so they get the full benefit of leadership and educational opportunities
They seek organization of ideas, relationships, and patterns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giving access to a wide range of materials and lessons, above and below grade level and across disciplines to integrate curriculum. • Requiring in-depth projects and reports.



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