

COMMUNITY ROOTS ACADEMY

Mission

Community Roots Academy (“CRA”) is a kindergarten through eighth grade learning community where learning is embedded in a meaningful real world context and where children are deliberately taught to see the connections between their formal education and the world. Not only do CRA students meet and exceed the California State Standards, but they also are empowered as leaders now and for the future by learning to think independently, solve problems creatively, articulate their ideas, and work productively, all while collaborating with a diverse group of individuals. At CRA, students learn to combine curiosity and application, leading to a deep understanding of content and increased motivation and confidence. These skill sets enable students to take on challenges to become who they want to be and excel beyond their potential.

Need

Although Orange County has several award winning schools and high achieving students, significant achievement gaps remain among the districts’ schools and students. Thus, despite these high achieving schools and students, there a large segment of the student population fails to reach proficiency in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. CRA seeks to attract families that share the school’s core beliefs about how learning occurs best and value a strong partnership between families and the school.

Vision

CRA is a learning community with rigorous academic standards. We are dedicated to building strong relationships between all of our members. We are a learning environment that embodies the 21st Century values that we teach and practice. Collaboration, creativity, adaptability, reflection, and evaluation are embedded in the CRA philosophy, governance, curriculum, and daily operations. CRA supports and values children’s different learning styles and reaches all students through meaningful project-based curricula. Our educators collaborate with community-based organizations to create learning experiences to build efficacy, confidence, empathy, a sense of purpose, and connections to the real world. CRA is a place to learn about whom we are and empowers us to grow into the individuals that we aspire to be. CRA students graduate as independent thinkers, responsible citizens, and active community members.