



# RAINA BAKER

AGE 13/GRAND VALLEY MIDDLE



Raina's intangible qualities, such as her maturity, humor, and consideration for others, are exceptional for a seventh-grade student. She takes her education seriously and when an illness caused her to miss a substantial amount of school, she had the initiative to contact all of her teachers, completed all of her assignments, and returned to school prepared for that day's lessons.

Raina is a determined individual who pursues her dreams with hard work and dedication, as exemplified by her persistence in expanding the middle school volleyball program. When Raina discovered that there was no volleyball team for fifth and sixth graders, she made this her personal mission. She took the initiative to meet with school administrators, contact existing coaches, solicit coaching candidates, and fundraise for the start-up costs for a team. Her concern for developing a successful program in the upper grades by focusing on skill development in the lower grades paid off when those students made the 7th grade volleyball team and played in their conference championships.