

MUSIC CLASSES

Teacher's comments – It is my intention to promote musical interest in each child by creating an environment of achievement. They will actively participate in all phases of the class, both individually and collectively. The primary learning tool used will be the keyboards and various band instruments available. Occasionally a video will be used to introduce a musical topic. Sitting and listening to CD's will not be part of the class.

“Beginners” Pre-K and Kindergarten – I will use band instruments, create verbal stories (legends) and play interactive songs to teach the basics of music. The children will travel in my “magical hot air balloon” all around the world to experience music from other cultures. Each child will be introduced to wind, string and percussion instruments and given an opportunity to play various instruments individually.

“Introduction to Music” 1st and 2nd grade – In addition to the “Beginners” criteria the “intro to music” students will listen to an entire orchestra and learn to hear and identify the individual instruments and follow their part in the music. Students will also learn the basics of music nomenclature.

“Intermediate Music” 3rd grade – In addition to “intro to music” criteria the “intermediate music” students will learn the notes of the staves, nomenclature and rhythms they represent. They will also be introduced to staff symbols.

“Advanced Music” 4th and 5th grade – In addition to “intermediate music” criteria the “advanced music” students will learn to read music notation. They will be able to determine which of several different music scores they just heard. Music Americana is the major theme of music for the year. Patriotic and biographical folk music are the primary focus.

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