

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 grades- In addition to “intermediate music” criteria the “advanced music” students will learn musical scales and be able to play them on the piano. They will also serve as the choir for children's mass each week and as such will learn the songs of the liturgy. .

“Re-mix” – Middle school elective.

During this course of study middle school students will examine the style and sounds of selected styles of music from the 1960's to 1980's. Elements of music theory that lead to the understanding of piano and guitar will also be reviewed. Students will be given the opportunity to apply the theory by playing both instruments during class.