

**Arborbrook Christian Academy**  
**Primary Music Curriculum**  
**Teacher: Kelly Hudson**  
**Grades: K-6**

**Kindergarten:**

- Students will explore musical terms such as **beat, pitch, the music alphabet, dynamics (loud and soft), and tempo (fast and slow)**.
- Students will work on pitch by using “call and response”/echo techniques through simple songs.

**1st Grade:**

- Review music terminology from Kindergarten
- **Distinguish between beat and rhythm**
- Echoing beats and rhythmic patterns by using the **Kodaly Method** (Ta, Ti-Ti, Ta, Ta)
- **Music Rests**
- Learning more **Dynamics (symbols)/Tempo** and how they’re used in music:  
**p=piano (soft)**  
**f=forte (loud)**  
**m=mezzo**  
**Largo=slow**  
**Presto=fast**
- Working on pitch and understanding **melody**
- The **Solfege/Curwen Hand Signs technique** will be introduced early on and will continue to build with each grade level. **This aids in the ability to sight read music.**
- **Music notation, music staff, grand staff, Treble Clef and Bass Clef**

**2nd – 4th, 6th Grade:**

- Review of all K-1st Grade music terminology and building upon each with more complexity as the grades progress. Repetition is key.
- **Solfege, Curwen Hand Signs, and Kodaly Rhythm Method with more complex rhythms and rests.**
- **Learning how to sing harmony through the use of singing in a round (starting in the 2nd grade).**
  
- **All classes from K-6 are instructed about proper breathing or diaphragmatic breathing for singing.** Exercises used to access proper breathing technique are the “**Panting Dog**” and the “**Hooting Gorilla.**” We also focus on **vocal warmups** appropriate for age and range. Two of our favorites are “**Momma Made Me Mash My M&Ms**” and “**Picking Up a Pepperoni Pizza.**”

### **5th Grade Chimes:**

- Demonstrating knowledge of music notation, rhythm, and beat.
- Learning how to play an instrument with others.

**•Each class will prepare and perform music selections for the Christmas concert and Grandparents' Day in the Spring.**

### **Curriculum Resources:**

[www.MusicPlayOnline.com](http://www.MusicPlayOnline.com)

**Original material/songs by Kelly Hudson (Music Alphabet and the Music Staff Medley)**