

MUSIC 2

SING * PLAY * MOVE * CREATE



In grade 2, students will develop their singing voices while experiencing music from various genres. They will learn to connect music to daily life and understand that music can be a part of their lifelong learning journey. Students will continue to develop their understanding of musical notation and their enjoyment of music as a means of self-expression. Students begin to create rhythmic patterns and melodies. They compose using pitched percussion and then notate their compositions. Notation in grade 2 focuses on repeated notes, steps and skips. Students will develop correct playing technique on classroom instruments. Students will have two performance opportunities during the year.

At ASL, we follow the U.S. National Core Arts Standards. The four strands are connect, perform, respond and create.

1

CONNECT

Students will learn to connect music to the world around them.

2

PERFORM

Students will learn what it means to prepare and present music.

3

RESPOND

Students will learn to respond to music through listening and movement.

4

CREATE

Students will learn to create music using standard notation.

HOW DO GRADE 2 STUDENTS LEARN MUSIC AT ASL?

Grade 2 students will learn music through singing, speaking, moving and playing instruments. Just as children learn to speak before learning to read, students in music class will experience singing, playing and moving to music prior to reading standard music notation.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often do students have Music in Grade 2? Students have 3 sessions of 30 minutes every cycle (90 minutes every 8 day cycle).

What instruments will my child learn to play in Grade 2? Your child will play a variety of classroom instruments including xylophones, drums, small percussion instruments and hand chimes.

Do you have any recommendations for private music teachers? We do not endorse any outside music providers so it is best to ask other ASL families and community members for private music teacher recommendations.

How can we support the learning at home? Listen to a variety of music. Encourage singing and dancing at home. Read about favorite musicians. Consider learning an instrument outside of school. Check out Seesaw throughout the year for home learning music activities.

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This is Ms. Marcie's first year at ASL. Prior to coming to ASL, Ms. Marcie taught at the American School in Dubai, the American Embassy School in New Delhi and schools in the U.S. She received her bachelors and masters degrees in music education and is currently a doctoral candidate in educational leadership.

Ms. Marcie enjoys singing and playing a variety of musical instruments. When she is not teaching, you may find her taking dance classes, cooking her favorite dinner or playing games with her family.

