

MUSIC 4

SING * PLAY * MOVE * CREATE



Grade 4 students continue to develop their instrumental and literacy skills through singing, movement and playing instruments including xylophones, hand chimes and ukuleles. They learn a number of two and three-part instrumental pieces that also incorporate body percussion. More notes are introduced on recorders as well as more complex rhythm patterns. Ensemble skills are an important part of the Grade 4 curriculum, and the students discuss form, dynamics and harmony. Basic notation is used for instrumental parts and students become more familiar with melodic direction using a staff. Students will have the opportunity to perform in the Grade 4 musical during the spring semester.

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 4 STUDENTS LEARN MUSIC AT ASL?

Grade 4 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. Students will also create music and movement through group collaboration.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often do students have Music in Grade 4? Students have 3 sessions of 35 minutes every cycle (105 minutes every 8 day cycle).

What instruments will my child learn to play in Grade 4? Your child will play a variety of classroom instruments including xylophones, drums, small percussion instruments, hand chimes and recorder.

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 American School in Dubai, American Embassy School in New Delhi and schools throughout 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.

