



K-5 General Music with Ms. Ackerman



Each week K-5 students will work on different musical goals such as keeping a steady beat, reading music, singing, playing instruments, dancing, listening to and analyzing different types of music. In general music class students will experience many different types of music including classical music, folk music, pop music, and music of many different cultures. They will play a variety of different instruments including the drums, shakers, bells, tambourines, the recorder, and the xylophone. Students will also explore the expressive elements of music through singing, dancing, and movement.

Kindergarten and first grade students have been working hard on keeping a steady beat while listening to music. They have also been learning about the different ways we can use our voices including singing. They have learned several different songs, and are currently learning how to identify high sounds, low sounds, fast sounds, and slow sounds!

Second and third grade students started off the year by identifying the difference between the steady beat of music and the rhythm of music. They have been using their bodies to create different movements to go along with the many types of music we have been listening to including classical, pop, and rock! Second and third graders have also begun reading symbols in music notation and are working on creating their own rhythmic patterns. Next, they will learn about the different instruments in the orchestra!

Fourth and fifth graders have been analyzing many different types of music including classical and jazz. They have been able to connect emotion and feeling to each piece of music they listen to and identify the expressive elements in different genres of music. Every month, they will learn about a new musician, the first being Louis Armstrong. Fourth and fifth grade students have also been reviewing the different symbols of music notation and will soon start composing their own simple rhythmic patterns and melodies.

