

Fifth Grade General Music

In Fifth Grade General Music we bring together the skills and knowledge students have been developing throughout elementary school to perform and create music at the next level.

Learning Highlights:

- Taiko Drumming
- Small group composing project
- Jazz Unit
 - What are common characteristics of jazz?
 - What are the origins of jazz?
 - Playing, improvising and singing in a jazz context.
- New Rhythmic, Melodic and Harmonic Concepts:
 - swing rhythm
 - understanding meter
 - modes
 - changing chords
- Continued mastery of music vocabulary
- Lots of fun songs, dances, and games

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Learning Highlights:

- New Rhythm Concepts:
 - sixteenth notes, eighth rest, single eighth notes and dotted quarter notes
- New Melody Concepts:
 - fa, ti, half-steps and whole-steps, major scale
- New Harmony Concepts:
 - What is harmony?
 - chord tone vs. non-chord tone
 - building / playing chords
- Continued mastery of music vocabulary
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Learning Highlights:

- Families of instruments
- Beginning soprano recorder
(All students will receive a soprano recorder mid-year.)
- Treble staff letter names
- New Rhythm Concepts:
 syncopation
- New Melody Concepts:
 low la, low sol, high do, home tone
- Continued learning of core music vocabulary
- Lots of fun songs, dances, and games

Second Grade General Music

In Second Grade General Music we continue to develop basic musical fundamentals and skills to build on throughout each child's musical lifetime.

Learning Highlights:

- New Rhythm Concepts:
 half note, whole note, half rest, whole rest, 6/8 meter
- New Melody Concepts:
 re, pentatonic (5-note) scale, minor mode
- Reading from the music staff
- Healthy, in-tune singing
- Singing in canon (round) and performing in a multi-part ensemble
- Improvising and composing with the voice, instruments and movement
- Lots of fun songs, dances and games

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In First Grade General Music we work to develop basic musical skills and knowledge as the foundation of each child's musical lifetime.

Learning Highlights:

- Steady Beat
- Healthy, in-tune singing and matching pitch
- New Rhythm Concepts:
 - beat vs. word rhythm
 - quarter note (“ta”), two eighth notes (“ti-ti”), quarter rest, half note (“too”)
- New Melody Concepts:
 - notes going up and down, do, mi, sol, la
 - the music staff, line and space notes
- Performing simple accompaniment patterns
- Improvising with the voice, instruments and movement
- Lots of fun songs, dances and games

Kindergarten General Music

Kindergarten General Music begins to build a foundation of musical skills, sensitivity, and engagement through singing games, simple songs, poems and finger plays, listening games, improvisation, and creative movement.

Learning Highlights:

- Steady Beat
- Healthy, in-tune singing
- Careful listening
- Musical contrasts such as: High/Low, Loud/Soft, Fast/Slow
- Lots of fun songs, dances and games

