

# Lovett Elementary Band

Welcome to another exciting year for Lovett Elementary Band! For the returning parents, many things will be the same as in the years before but there is always a chance for minor changes. Here are a few considerations for the beginning of the year.

- First Grade Band learns music on the Flutophone, Second Grade Band learns music on the Recorder. Starting in Third Grade, students choose a traditional band instrument to learn for their time at Lovett Elementary to prepare them for middle school.
- The book for 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be the same as last year: Measures of Success Book 1. I will be supplementing it with other resources. Advanced students may be encouraged to purchase a new book.
- Students will be divided into color groups for their 2 music classes a week. These color group assignments will be based on the needs of the student. Grouping similar instruments and levels together to provide the best instruction possible.
- If a student has not decided on which instrument to play, I encourage students to choose the instrument they like the most. Students will practice and work harder if they truly enjoy it. Most of the time that instrument will work out for them. There are a few instances where the physical aspects of playing the instrument prove to be too challenging for the student. In these cases, we will work together to find the best options for the student. If your student is still decided which instrument to pick, you can check out the demonstration links QR code on the back of the page.
- All students will need their instruments and supplies or proof of order by August 29<sup>th</sup> or sooner.
- The school has a very limited number of instruments for the students to borrow. I try to reserve those instruments for students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade who truly need them. Students in grades 4 and 5 should have their own instrument to be ready for middle school and beyond. If you are unable to acquire an instrument for your student, please contact me to see if borrowing an instrument can be arranged.
- Please encourage and set up a space and time for your student to be able to practice at home. I know people can work different shifts, have a lot of extra activities, have a lot of prior commitments, etc. The success of your student in anything is the amount of time they use to master it. The more they practice, the better they will be.

Feel free to contact me with any questions! Looking forward to an amazing school year!

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**Band Instrument Demonstration Link  
For 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

