

Inspiration Mountain School /Las Brisas Elementary

4th Grade General Music – Band Focus



Greetings Parents and Students:

Welcome to 4th grade general music! I'm so excited to have you in class. This year, we will be studying many different instruments. For example, we will:

- Explore the physics of the instrument (how does it make sound?)
- Discover what families the instruments are grouped into (brass, woodwinds, percussion)
- Experience performing on each instrument studied
- Study music theory (note and rhythm identification)
- Learn basic care and maintenance of each instrument.

We will spend 9 weeks (one quarter) on each instrument family, with one quarter devoted to music theory. Students will get to play the following instruments: trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, xylophone, snare drum. All students will experience success on at least one instrument during this study. Our year ends with a 5th grade band rental night in May, which reserves your instrument that data shows you were most successful. We will talk about that as time gets closer! All instruments will be sanitized, and cleaned daily with a district approved cleaning solution. Students will need to provide 3 clarinet number 2.5 reeds for our Clarinet Unit. These can be purchased on Amazon or any music store, and should be brought in ASAP. We will begin the year with the Clarinet Unit.

Students are expected to handle each piece of equipment with care and respect. We share with 3 other elementary schools. Broken instruments means someone is not getting a full chance to participate and experience. Students who cannot demonstrate care and control will be asked to put equipment away and possibly will not handle the instrument again. Any student caught tampering with, or purposely breaking the instrument will be written up immediately and the parents will be held responsible for any repairs necessary. Should you need to contact me, e-mail is the quickest: ida.bentley@dvusd.org

Musically,

Ida Bentley

Please remove the bottom of this form and return ASAP:

Student Name:_____

School:_____Homeroom Teacher:_____

I understand that we will be studying actual band instruments during 4th grade. I also understand that if an instrument is broken due to purposeful mistreatment, we will be held responsible for the cost of repairs to the instrument.

Parent Name:_____

Email:_____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature:_____