

General Music Curriculum

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This year in music class we will strive to have fun while learning about different aspects of music.

In the younger elementary grade-levels (PK-3) we will engage in musical exploration by:

- Moving around
- Dancing
- Singing
- Listening to music of all styles
- Discussing music
- Creating music
- Singing Church music
- Basic instrumental exploration

These classes will be dedicated to discovering music and establishing general musical understandings.

In the intermediate grade-levels (4-6) we will begin to transition into musical performance. We will study performances of all types and begin to learn how to perform ourselves. This will include:

- Basics of reading music notation
- Basic instrumental technique (percussion instruments, recorder, keyboard)
- Performance etiquette
- Performance study
- Responding to music through reflection

We will, of course, still be doing plenty of:

- Church music
- Singing
- Dancing
- Creating music
- Exploring new cultures, styles and genres of music

In the middle school grade-levels (7-8) we will be continuing to culminate and review all aspects of music learned up to this point, as well as adding upper level understandings and practices to what we know. We will:

- Practice advanced technique on the instruments we have
- Sing polyphonic pieces of music
- Study music theory
- Advanced music notation
- More complex movements in response to music
- Improvisation
- Church music
- Jazz structure
- Listening to, responding to and creating world music from other cultures
- Complex choreography
- Complex rhythmic exercises

We will have fun with these advanced techniques!

Grading Policy

Most of the class grade will be determined through participation, for which students will receive daily points. There will not be many homework assignments or take-home assignments in our class. The older students will have a few projects throughout the year which will be graded on completion and content.