

Visual and Performing Arts Program Overview

Music Program

Albany Elementary School

1st - 4th Grades

The music program at Albany Elementary provides music instruction to all students 1st-4th grades. The music program at AES provides students with an introduction to musical concepts with an opportunity for students to engage and express themselves creatively. Music is a valuable component in the school curriculum. The music program at AES provides a way for students to appreciate the differences among people. Music instruction allows students a way to express emotions and feelings in a safe and productive manner while appreciating the qualities of music and how it relates to the world around them. The focus of each music class is on music elements with instruction on cultures and historical periods, or special holidays/celebrations. All students learn about the elements of music and music in other cultures by responding, creating, and performing music through singing, playing instruments, moving, dance, use of technology, reading, writing and/or discussion. All of the content being taught is derived from The Kentucky Department of Education Course Standards for Elementary General Music.

In music class students will:

- Sing patriotic songs and learn about the story of The Star-Spangled Banner and our nation's birth; Pledge of Allegiance, Flag Facts/Flag Etiquette
- Dynamics/Elements of Music - Rhythm, Melody, Harmony, Tempo, Dynamics, Form, Style, Timbre.
- Song Styles - Patriotic, Folk, Spirituals, Work Songs, Jazz, Cowboy, Bluegrass/Country, Rock-n-Roll, Hip-Hop, Lullabies
- Instrument Families- Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion, Keyboards
- Composers of Music - Mozart, Sergei Prokofiev, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Haydn, Brahms, Bach, Leroy Anderson, Stephen Foster (My Old Kentucky Home), etc
- Cultural Music - Native American, African-American, Latin - Mexican Culture Music
- Music Periods - Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Contemporary (20th Century & Beyond)

The music program recognizes and participates in special events throughout the year. Ex. School music/dance Activities-Incentives, Veterans Day, Christmas, Special Occasions, Events, Recognitions, etc.