



MUSIC

In music class, your child will...

- Sing
- Play classroom instruments
- Learn to read and write pitch and rhythm
- Dance
- Play games
- Listen
- Create

**For private study of piano or band/orchestra instruments, please see the RH music website for suggested teachers.*

Music Curriculum and Activities Overview



Kindergarten

The kindergarten music program begins an exploration of musical concepts that continues through the primary years. Students will learn about high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft, singing and speaking, beat and no beat, short and long, and same and different. Through their experiences, students will develop beginning musical literacy and appreciation.

First Grade

The first grade music program continues the exploration of music begun in kindergarten, through singing, speaking, playing classroom instruments, moving, listening, reading, writing, and creating. This exploration builds a vocabulary of musical experiences, which will provide the foundation for developing higher-level musical skills.

Music Curriculum and Activities Overview (cont.)

Second Grade

Building upon the musical experiences offered in first grade, the second grade music program expands the student's music reading skills. Students learn the visual notation corresponding to pitches, rhythm, and expressive qualities. Students are actively involved in singing and movement games as well as creating, playing, and listening experiences.

Third Grade

In the third grade music program, students apply previously acquired musical understanding and skill as they learn to sing and play more complex songs. In most years, the recorder is used as a hands-on tool, which encourages students to further develop their musicianship.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 protocols, we are not presently using recorders in music class, though we will as soon as we are able. The third grade program also incorporates higher-level vocal and composing skills.

Music Curriculum and Activities Overview (cont.)

Fourth Grade

Students in the fourth grade music program develop a more mature sense of musicianship through reading, creating, and performing more complex rhythm patterns and harmonic structures. The students also undertake a comprehensive study of the instruments of the orchestra. Students also have the opportunity to perform with the Fourth Grade Chorus and will learn to play choir chimes in ensemble this year. As with third grade, we are not currently using recorders in class in response to our district COVID-19 safety plans, but we will when we are able to.

Recorders!!!

3rd and 4th grade:

- We are not currently playing recorders in class due to district COVID-19 safety precautions. I am as disappointed as the students are! We will use them as soon as we are able to safely.
- 4th graders should turn in their clean recorder, labeled with their name, so the recorders are on hand and ready to go when we get the green light.
- 3rd graders will be issued their own new recorder when we can begin recorder study.

An important date to “note”...

Spring Concert: Thursday, May 26, 2022 (4th Grade Chorus and other 4th grade performances)

**Please note, though our 4th graders are the performers, our whole school community is welcome to attend!*

Music notices and information will be posted on Virtual Backpack and Ms. Alexanderson's web page as the year progresses.