

# Music Class at The Dewing School

Dear Parents:

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Our music curriculum is based on the Massachusetts Music Frameworks Curriculum. This curriculum includes singing, reading notation, playing instruments, improvising, composing, and critical response which includes listening, moving to music, and describing music with proper music vocabulary. I see students once a week for 45 minutes. Half-day Kindergartens I see once a week for 20 minutes.

I wanted to let you know what a pleasure it has been working with your children this month! I would like to give you an overview of what your children will be learning in music class this year.

Kindergarten classes will focus on singing and building their song repertoire. We do a lot of movement, games, and dancing to songs. We focus on keeping a steady beat to music. We will also use the classroom instruments and focus on playing on cue to stories and songs. We will work on following the cues of a conductor.

First Grades started the year with rhythm reading and composition. We will spend the fall working with instruments and singing. In December, we will study The Nutcracker Ballet. During the winter, we will work on improvisation on the xylophones and do some folk dancing. We will also learn about the instruments in the orchestra. In the spring, we will start preparing for our Spring Concert.

Second Grades started the year with rhythm reading and composition. In the fall we will be preparing for our Holiday Concert. We will be singing and working with the instruments. During the winter, we will work on improvisation on the xylophones and do some folk dancing. We will learn about music from around the world including Mexico, Australia, and Africa. We will study some music vocabulary and continue to learn new rhythms and notes of the scale. We will also study dynamics in music and learn about the instruments in the orchestra.

Children are expected to try their best in class. Effort, participation, and behavior are a big part of their grade for music class. We have a lot of fun while learning new things every week! We learn a lot during the time we have. I want to encourage a life-long love for music in class!

Sincerely,

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