

Music Overview

Primary & Intermediate level

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Music at Ascension School! Here we value the Arts in Education, and your child will have weekly exposure to Music and Art.

In my class, we concentrate on Music but I also cover elements of Theater and, through movement and performance, incorporate Dance.

Students in Grades 1-2-3-4 have Music class twice a week. Students in Grades 5 - 8 have Music once a week.

Our texts are The Music Connection by Silver Burdett and Ginn © 1995

- Grade 1** Elements of Meter and Rhythm; Singing and pitch awareness; Simplified music notation with movable do; Solfeg hand signs sol, mi, la, do; Tempo; Basic dynamics; Instruments: Percussion family, Idiophones, Membranophones and homemade instruments; Christmas Program
- Grade 2** In addition to the above: Standard notation; Solfeg add re and do'; Instruments: String family, Chordophones and homemade instruments; folk dance; African music; Melody elements; Christmas Program
- Grade 3** In addition to the above: Notation and the Treble staff; Pentatonic songs in Solfeg; Absolute pitch names; Soprano recorder (5 tones); Instruments: Aerophones and homemade instruments; The pipe organ; Native American music; Christmas Program
- Grade 4** In addition to the above: Review of Ethno-Musical Instrument categories and study of the Orchestra's Traditional 4 families; attend a live Woodwind Symphony performance; Soprano recorder (all tones); Form in vocal music; Harmony; Texture;
- Grade 5** In addition to the above: Song forms; Lyrics; Theme and Variations; Dotted rhythms; Compound meter; elements of Dance; attend a live Dance performance event; Composition of original songs

I truly appreciate the support of students and parents. I welcome your comments and am happy to discuss concerns. I prefer appointment before school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Creed

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www.ascension-school.com/music.htm