



Welcome to MUSIC class! Children love music and enjoy the opportunity of learning new concepts throughout the year. In the Fall, **second-graders** will be learning rhythm concepts: singing and clapping basic beat-patterns and recognizing (aurally and visually) at least 2 instruments from each instrument-family (brass-woodwind-percussion-strings). They will also learn how music is used in celebrations.

Third-graders are beginning a unit on Folk Music. Composer-Performer profiles include Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger and Stephen Foster. They'll learn how people's work-life contributed to music and culture. They will also learn about musical form (verse/refrain).



Fourth and Fifth-graders will begin their unit, Performing Ensembles, in which they'll learn about the orchestra, different types of bands, musicals, ballets, and choirs. This will prepare them for October's attendance of CINDERELLA. In the Fall, they also learn to recognize the different vocal ranges: Bass, Baritone, Tenor, Alto, Soprano, which helps them with understanding the opera concepts.

Dates to Remember:

October 12: 4th & 5th- grade attend the opera at Addison Trail High School

December 21: Senior Citizen Concert 1:00-3:00 (all grades)

February 29: 2nd- grade Musical 6:00

May 31: 5th-Grade Awards/Concert Assembly 6:30 pm

Please don't hesitate to call and leave a message on my voicemail: 630-458-2966 or through email (sometimes faster): cbrown@asd4.org. I will answer any questions as soon as possible.

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