

## Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Music Class

Dear Parents,

I am excited to share with you the Ohio Music Content Standards. The reason for my excitement is that not every state has completed "music" standards. Your children will be learning from a clear, rigorous curriculum developed by top music educators.

### OHIO MUSIC CONTENT STANDARDS

Historical, Cultural and Social Contexts  
Creative Expression and Communication  
Analyzing and Responding  
Valuing Music/Aesthetic Reflection  
Connections, Relationships and Applications

Once students leave the primary grades we will continue to develop singing, creating, moving, and composing abilities. We will also begin to work on musical literacy, musical terminology and music of different cultures. In the third grade we will begin recorder in the third quarter and continue in fourth and fifth grade. Students also have the opportunity to attend band class on Fridays.

I am here to help you help your child find his or her place in a musical world. In class we will accomplish this through listening, singing, playing, creating, moving, or composing. You can help your child discover these and other aspects of music in many ways, from attending concerts or providing private lessons or listening to your favorite music at home.

I look forward to working with your children to develop new skills and concepts to form the foundation for a lifetime of musical expression and enjoyment. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school.

Musically,

Robert Bethune