

Kindergarten, First, and Second 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

In the primary grades we will begin our studies with basics such as beat, rhythm, and melody. Students will demonstrate sources of a wide variety of sounds, first high and low, same and different, and later will go on to identify selected music instruments (e.g., flute, trumpet, guitar, violin, sitar, congas, and bagpipes). Carl Orff, a famous composer/educator, believed children learned musical concepts through movement. Therefore, many music activities will incorporate movement to solidify understanding.

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 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