First Grade Music
Overview for Parents

Teacher: Megan Helm

Content Goals

- Reinforcing the beat/pulse
- Understanding high/low and slow/fast
- Matching pitch (sol, mi, la)
- Rhythmic reading (quarter notes, rests, and eighth notes)
- Continuing to work on listening skills by playing instruments
- Listening to various types of music (specific units: Peter and the Wolf, Louis Armstrong, and the opera Hansel and Gretel)
- Identifying the instrument families
- Developing repertoire in sync with Core Knowledge and Core Virtue curriculum
- Structured and creative movement
- Singing in unison
- Introduction and developing ensemble through use of classroom instruments. (xylophones, hand drums)
- Developing healthy singing habits and technique (breath support)
- Practicing good audience etiquette
- Integrating awareness of other art forms (dance, visual)

Expectations for Students

- Following directions and classroom rules
- Having enthusiasm for classroom activities
- Participating in performances

Homework Requirements

- None

Contacting the Teacher

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