

In general music we learn to read, write, and play music in a variety of ways:

In preschool, we learn about music with our new music friends, Mozart Mouse and Beethoven Bear. As our music friends make discoveries about high and low, loud and soft, and fast and slow, we learn right along with them.

In kindergarten and first grade, we continue with our learning of fast/slow, high/low, and loud/soft. We also learn about steady beat and common rhythm patterns. We sing songs, play instruments, and move to music during our class time.

In second and third grade, we begin to learn about different pitches. We use solfege to help us learn note names and we also begin to practice writing notes on the music staff. Third graders also learn how to play the recorder.

In fourth, we learn about music themes and patterns. We study contour, form, and instruments of the orchestra. Fourth graders continue studying the recorder as well.

5th grade general music classes will focus on the development of musical abilities and music appreciation. We will study concepts such as steady beat, rhythm, melody, proper singing and instrument technique, movement, music notation and reading, and music history. This will be a very active class where students will experience and create music every day. 5th graders will perform twice during the school year in a concert setting with the other elementary music classes.

In addition to all that is going on in our regular music classes, all second through fourth graders focus on a different classical composer each month.

Each December and May we share all our musical talents with the community through two Elementary Music Concerts.