

# **1st/2nd Grade General Music Syllabus**

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am so glad that your family will be joining me this year to share in God's wonderful gift of music.

## **Purpose:**

Music is the expression of the human experience through sound.

We experience music in at least five primary ways...

**Listening:** In this class, students will experience music by listening to songs from a variety of genres, eras of musical history, and cultures from all across the world.

**Analyzing:** Students will analyze music by describing what they heard and forming an opinion based on their observations.

**Creating:** Students will create music by having opportunities to compose short songs or creatively improvise, based on specific criteria.

**Performing:** Students will experience music through performing (playing instruments, dancing, and singing).

**Reading:** Students will learn to read basic rhythms, notes on the grand staff, and musical symbols throughout the class. We will practice these skills daily.

## **Materials:**

Folder  
Xylophone with carrying case and mallets  
Pencil

If you are so inclined, I am willing to buy back any student xylophones (with carrying case and mallets) at the end of the school year for \$25, to be resold at discount to a future young music student!

## **Class Structure**

Our classes will follow a regular schedule to promote continued curricular growth in all the music skills we are building, as well as predictability for the students. Here is a general layout for a day in general music class.

Welcome song and Greeting  
Rhythm card practice  
Note reading on Solfegge cards  
Drum Circle  
Listening/Movement Activity  
Singing  
Orff Lesson (xylophones)  
Closing Song

## **Concerts**

Music students from general music, choir and orchestra will have three performance opportunities this year. The dates for those opportunities are listed below:

Winter Concert: Monday, January 12, 2026 (Time TBA)

Spring Concert: Monday, April 20, 2026 (Time TBA)

Spring Showcase: Monday, April 27, 2026, 6-8:30 pm

Please mark your calendars and plan for these dates.

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Finally, I want to thank you all for the very great privilege of working with your children this year. I do not take this opportunity for granted and I pray that this year's music class will be a tremendous blessing, both to your child and to your family. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns that arise during the course of the school year.

Please sign below, to indicate that you have read through this syllabus and that you understand what your child will be focusing on during our class this year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Very Sincerely,

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