

6th GRADE

MUSIC & DRAMA

2017-2018

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Class Introduction

During the quarter, we will learn about several aspects of music and drama, including:

- Review/Expand/Apply musical vocabulary
- Read/Write music notation
- Singing/Playing instruments
- Listen to and analyze music, identifying specific musical elements
- Learn how instruments work
- Western music history
- Differences in musical styles and ensembles
- Drama/Storytelling activities and story creation
- Music/Drama/Storytelling: examples, how they work together

Class Materials

Most materials used in class will be provided for you; however, it is **your responsibility to bring the following things to class everyday:**

- **Student iPad** (some activities will utilize the iPads)
- **Pen or pencil** (we will do some activities on paper)
- **Exploratory folder and note book** (you will receive some handouts, notes, paper worksheets, and music, and will need to keep them organized)

It will be possible for you to leave your materials in a class bin.

From time to time, we will sing and play instruments in class. Most music will be provided to you; other times, YOU will create the music. You will also be able to use a school-owned ukulele while in class. If you have a **recorder** from elementary school, then please find it, clean it, and bring it!

Rules and Expectations

We have a school-wide policy for behavior expectations (PARR) at MacArthur Middle School. Those expectations apply in not just classrooms, but also hallways, the lunchroom, at assemblies, and throughout the campus community. This is how they apply here:

Be Productive...

- * Come to class on time.
- * Come prepared.
- * Stay on task.

Be Responsible...

- * Do your own work.
- * Work to the best of your ability.
- * Ask questions when you don't understand something.
- * Come prepared.

Be appropriate...

- * Keep yourself to yourself.
- * Use acceptable language.
- * No food/gum/candy in class.
- * Keep conversations at a good volume level.

Be Respectful...

- * Be considerate to neighbors, yourself, and surroundings.
- * Help the situation.
- * Raise a hand to ask questions or comment.
- * Follow directions.

ALWAYS use technology appropriately and responsibly.

Procedures

Entering the classroom:

1. Enter through double doors and collect your materials.

If you forget some of your materials, then you may borrow some. Repeated offenses could result in PARR write-ups.

2. Sit quickly and quietly, and follow directions on the board.

During class:

1. Do not eat food or chew gum in class; water is allowed.
2. Need to use the restroom? Raise your hand, ask, then sign out.
3. Forgotten homework may be turned in after class; you may **not** go to locker.

Exiting class:

1. Wait to be dismissed.
2. Return materials to your class bin if you choose to do so.
3. Exit through the single door.

Grading Policy

The grades for Music & Drama consist of the following categories:

- Homework/in-class work
- Unit Tests and Quizzes
- Projects
- Performing/Skills Tests

Homework Policy

In accordance with the 6th Grade Team homework policy, homework is to be turned in at the beginning of class on the due date. **Late work** will be accepted until the end of the current unit of study. Students will receive 10% off their grade for the first week, and 50% off after five days.

If you are absent, see Ms. Murray to discuss make-up work. **MacArthur's Academic Honesty Policy applies to General Music classes.**

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