

Dear Young Musician,

I am looking forward to a great year with you in music class! I am excited about the musical discoveries we will make together. We will have fun as we, "Connect Music to our Roots." We are going to explore the music that is in our homes and community, and find ways that music connects us to each other. We'll start off the year by experiencing some music from the Pacific Islands.

We will do lots of different things to learn about music this year. Here are some of the exciting things we will be doing:

- We will sing and play our favorite folk songs and games, connecting to many cultures.
- All grades will learn to read, write, and perform music daily in our room.
- All grades will interact with classroom instruments (drums, bells, rhythm instruments).
- Grades 1-3 will prepare for an evening performance for parents in February.
- Grades 4-6 can choose to join the before school Spring Creek Concert Choir.
- Grades 4-6 can choose to join the afterschool Orchestra.
- Grade 5 will learn to play recorders.
- Grade 6 will learn to play the ukuleles, and/or African Drums.
- Grades 4-6 will have the option to be part of our Musical Drama Class on Friday mornings, during school.
- We will SING! SING! SING! - our voices are the one instrument that will last us a lifetime!

I can't wait to make music with you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gylseth



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