

Robert C. Parker School
Curriculum Summary
Music

Pre K

Pre K's explore, experience, and discover elements of music through singing, listening, movement, playing percussion instruments, and creating.

Our focus is on beat (fast and slow), dynamics (loud and soft), and pitch (high and low). We explore the interesting sounds around us, and the unique tone and colors of our voices and selected instruments. Children become aware of form through the patterns of music and are introduced to musical works.

Music meets once a week for twenty minutes. Children are invited to share their talents with the Robert C. Parker School community through performance.

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Grades K through 3

The K-1's and 2-3's experience, explore, and discover the elements of music through singing, listening, movement, playing instruments, analysis music theory, composing, and performance. Sequential conceptual growth is emphasized. K-1's develop musical skills and build a music vocabulary. With a focus on active listening, students are introduced to musical compositions in a variety of musical styles.

Music from other cultures plays an important role in the music curriculum. Students sing, listen to, play games, and study the contributions and styles of other cultures. Music classes meet twice a week. Students share their talents with the Robert C. Parker School community through performance.

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Grades 4-5

In conjunction with our social studies curriculum, the 4-5's explore the music of the United States. This study encompasses our nation's patriotic songs, work songs, songs of the sea, how songs traveled to America, and trail songs. Songs of the American Revolution, the African American spirituals, and the music of American composers are also studied.

The recorder is introduced at this level. Through singing, listening, playing instruments, improvisation, composing, and analysis, elements of music are studied in depth.

Our students share their talents with the school community in performances throughout the school year.

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Grades 6,7 and 8

Eclectic describes the music program for the 6-7-8's. During these middle school years, students explore various themes such as the history of Rock and Roll, music of the 20th Century, key players through our history, spotlight on Broadway, etc.

The music program seeks to expand our students' awareness, perception and appreciation of musical styles and cultures, music history, and careers in music. IT combines the contemporary with the past and brings today's music into the classroom through singing, listening, playing instruments, improvising, composing and analysis.