



Curriculum Overview MUSIC

2024 - 2025 Cycles 1 and 2

Japhet School's mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program.

September-December focus		
Character quality integration: Reliability or Initiative Judgment or Courage Patriotism or Gratitude Joy or Obedience	Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower & Upper Elem. Introduction to the 5 note scale using solfege 1. Pitch exploration: direction, high vs. low 2. Call and response singing 3. Movement exploration: beat and non-beat responses 4. Introduction to hand percussion instruments through playing to recorded music, singing, and literature 5. Explore diverse musical styles through listening, moving and playing 6. Identify instruments and analyze musical textures	Middle School 1. Explore part singing through partner songs 2. Introduction to hand and melodic percussion instruments through written parts and student created works 3. Music reading basics through rhythm identification and melodic identification 4. Explore diverse musical styles through listening, moving, and playing 5. Explore music technology
All: Singing traditional American patriotic songs, learning their histories. Exploring the music of American composers. Preparation of December program: singing, movement/choreography, spoken dialogue, playing instruments, staging, rehearsing, and performance. Performance will likely be a winter concert.		
January-May focus		
Character quality integration: Industry or Punctuality Humility or Justice Peace or Respect for Self Thrift or Respect for Others Personal Habits or Self-Control	Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower & Upper Elem. 1. Expressive qualities in music: loud/soft, fast/slow, timbre 2. Rhythm pattern identification through listening and playing instruments 3. Explore science of sound/music through introduction of instruments of the orchestra	Middle School 1. Introduction to basic musical forms: AB, ABA, Rondo, through listening, singing, creating/playing 2. Explore part singing through separate descant and harmony parts 3. Explore science of sound/music through introduction of instruments of the orchestra
All: Continued exploration of American patriotic songs and composers. Singing, movement/choreography, drama, spoken dialogue, playing instruments, staging, rehearsing, and performances. Explore and discuss the value of different genres in culture.		

