

GRADE 4 - FAMILY MUSIC LETTER

Dear Family,

What an exciting musical school year your fourth grader has in store! This year your child will continue to learn new skills and concepts to form the foundation for a lifetime of musical expression and enjoyment.

In our first few weeks together, students will learn about beat, rhythm, pitch, melody, and meter signatures. Your students will also learn about melodies and will be able to recognize phrases and forms in songs from around the world. You can help your child explore aspects of these concepts by singing rounds like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" together. Attending concerts and listening to different types of music with your child can reinforce key concepts we are covering in class. Share your favorite songs with your child, discussing how the melodies move up and down and how there are sounds and silences to the rhythm. Clapping or tapping with the music can reinforce the concept of rhythm and beat.

Above all, have fun with your child! Enjoying music is something that goes beyond our classroom, and the music education your child receives in school and at home will enrich his or her life for many year to come.

Thank you for any support you offer this year to make your child's musical experience the richest it can be!

Sing-cerely,

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