


MUSIC with Mrs. Gustafson




Curriculum Overview 2020-21



Welcome to music! Happy 10 year anniversary! It is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since I started teaching music here at EJSM and this is my 25 year teaching here at the school. Music is looking a little bit different this year but it doesn't change the core belief that the development of musical skills is of great importance in the total development of the child and should begin at an early age. Our music program will encourage creative expression through playing, listening, performing and composing. The goal is not for the students to achieve mastery in all these music skills, however to go away with a strong foundation, love and appreciation of music!

<p>General Learner Expectations</p>	<p>Through the music program students will develop:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An enjoyment of music 2. An awareness and appreciation of a variety of music, including music of different cultures 3. Insights into music through meaningful musical activities 4. Self-expression and creativity 5. Musical skills and knowledge 	<p>Over the course of the school year, examples of <u>student learning</u> can be found in FreshGrade or the Fine Arts section of their portfolio. If you have any questions about our program or your child, please contact me at the school or by email at karen.gustafson@wolfcreek.ab.ca</p>  <p>Check out our music website at www.music4js.weebly.com to see what we have been up to in music class and for fun activities that you can do at home!</p>
<p>Musical Concepts</p>	<p>Student learning will include the 5 main elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rhythm 2. Melody 3. Harmony 4. Form 5. Expression (tempo, dynamics, tone colour) 	
<p>Skill Development</p>	<p>Skills and concepts will be taught through 6 methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listening 2. Moving 3. Singing 4. Playing instruments 5. Reading and Writing 6. Creating 	

Grade Specific Skills: Skills will be focused on in each area for each grade and will continue to be developed throughout the grades.

<p>Grade 1</p> 	<p>Students will listen to, make and move to music. They will describe the sounds around them and explore beats and rhythms. Through simple action songs and singing games (where students might sing alone or in a group), by following stories told by music, and by using rhythm instruments, they will begin to understand how music can express feelings. Students will also add their own sounds and rhythms to poems, stories and songs.</p>
<p>Grade 2</p> 	<p>Students will make their own melodies and play simple rhythms. They will understand that rhythms can be paired with melodies and that printed symbols show the direction of a melody. They will find that melodies rise and fall and that music comes in different tempos. Exposed to many folk, ethnic, seasonal and holiday songs, students will also explore movements in response to music.</p>
<p>Grade 3</p> 	<p>Students will explore the wide world of music! Through folk, traditional and ethnic songs and dances, and by singing rounds and partner songs, students will understand that musical beats can be grouped in different ways and that two or more melodies can exist in one song. They will move their bodies to show what music looks like to them, listen to different kinds of musical instruments and recognize that sounds are made in different ways. If you would like further information on what your child will be learning at each grade level you can visit http://www.learnalberta.ca/content/mychildlearning/</p>