

## **KINDERGARTEN MUSIC**

The purpose of the Kindergarten Music curriculum is to feature activities and listening materials that illustrate important musical concepts, and to allow students to discover for themselves the joy of listening to and making music.

### **Activities include:**

- Learning to sing a wide variety of age-appropriate songs as a group
- Movement activities which incorporate good motor skills and rhythm awareness
- Musical games which foster teamwork and cooperation among the students
- Music appreciation: listening to and discussing a wide variety of different types of music
- Opportunities to sing solo to the entire class
- Rhythm exercises using an assortment of instruments (maracas, tambourines, sticks, etc.)
- Introduction to orchestral and non-orchestral instruments and families
- Exposure to well-known purveyors of children's music (Burl Ives, Hap Palmer, Dr. Jean, etc.); students also learn to identify these performers by their voices and musical styles
- Students are able to identify and describe basic elements of music (e.g. high/low, fast/slow, loud/soft, beat).

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