

# Music News

From Maria Seong



Greetings from the music room!

This year all the young musicians at Einstein will have many varied musical experiences in their music class time. Every student has music for two 30-minute sessions a week. Understanding patterns of rhythm, melody, and harmony will be explored along with lessons on various composers, cultures, and music styles. Some other units of study will be basic theory, improvisation, composition, drumming, and folk dance.

Choir is scheduled to have the very first rehearsal on Thursday, September 22. Choir is offered to all of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students if they like to sing and are willing to make a commitment to come to rehearsals regularly and attend performances and field trips. Rehearsals will be held once a week on Thursday mornings before school from 8:00 to 8:45. Parents are responsible for arranging their child's transportation to rehearsals (Carpools are encouraged) and performances outside of school.

The music room is an exciting place to be. We will be exploring Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones, & glockenspiels), ukuleles, recorders, drums, boomwackers, and other non-pitched instruments. Thanks for sharing your musicians' talents with our school!

Below is the effort rubric for music classes.

## EFFORT

### **EXCEEDS STANDARD (4)**

This student performs at standard (3) and in addition is a consistent, independent, and self-motivated learner. The student actively contributes to the classroom learning experience.

### **AT STANDARD (3)**

This student regularly: focuses and engages in the class activity; listens to and follows instructional directions and asks for help when needed; follows class rules; respects people and school property; cooperates with others to accomplish lesson goals.

### **APPROACHING STANDARD (2)**

This student sometimes: focuses and engages in the class activity; listens to and follows instructional directions and asks for help when needed; follows class rules; respects people and school property; cooperates with others to accomplish lesson goals.

### **NOT AT STANDARD (1)**

This student seldom: focuses and engages in the class activity; listens to and follows instructional directions and asks for help when needed; follows class rules; respects people and school property; cooperates with others to accomplish lesson goals.