

MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GRADE 4

Music classes are in 30 minute sessions three times a cycle and one choir session once a cycle. Your child will learn music through song, dance or movement, games, and playing pitched and non-pitched instruments. The recorder work will begin mid-September. The following musical concepts and skills will be developed: listening, playing, and writing a variety of rhythms; 6/8, 4/4, 3/4 and 2/4 time; using a variety of tempi; learning the notes of the musical staff, music dictation; singing in harmony; improvised melodies and rhythms using “Question and Answer”; musical forms (melody, introduction, AA, AB, ABA, rondo, canons, symphonic forms, concerto, chaconne); body percussion; using a variety of instrumental accompaniment and dynamics (*mezzo piano - mp*, *mezzo forte - mf*); an introduction to the four orchestral instrumental families (woodwind, brass, string and percussion); the different ways of making a sound on a percussion instrument; and ensemble playing.

A school performance is planned further information to come.

Mme Fournier teaches the general music classes, choir, and recorder.