The Conservatory School

K-2 Music Essentials Curriculum

Music is vital to every child's education for its inherent aesthetic, historical and cultural value. If music is an inseparable part of our culture, then it should be an inseparable part of our school life.

The Music Essential years at TCS provides each student with a solid foundation of musical skills centered on a rotation through a number of musical experiences. Students will become aware of how the different musical elements interact to create musical ideas and thoughts.

Families are required to attend a grade level Music Essentials lesson with their child for a minimum of one visit per year between October to April 1st, 2020. These visits help families see how their child is developing in their musical growth and how to support that growth at home.

Kindergarten

Kindergartners will develop their musical skills through a unique curriculum based on singing, movement and instrumental music. Students will learn proper use of singing voice, posture and voice range. They will establish a steady beat and develop rhythmic ability by playing a variety of percussion instruments in the classroom and participating in music and movement activities.

Instrumental music instruction in kindergarten is based on the violin. Early in the year, every family will have the opportunity to make a foam violin in our "Build-A-Violin" day. Students will learn the foundation of violin playing by practicing on their foam violins. Kindergarteners will transition into violins and will be able to perform simple songs on their instrument by the end of the school year.

Concert Dates for Kindergarten: **TCS K2 Concert t-shirts are on sale in the office $10.00**

December 10, 2019 and May 22, 2020 - both concerts are held at TCS at 8:30 a.m.

Fall: My Family
Vocal piece: Stand by Me -Ben. E. King

Spring: Our Earth
Vocal piece: Big Yellow Taxi -Joni Mitchell

Instrument focus for Kindergarten: Violin

- ***$20 student donation to cover the cost of materials for "Build a Violin" and sheet music purchase***

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1. Visit http://palmbeach.schoolcashonline.com
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4. Select the Music Fund Donation and the Instrument Rental fee that applies to your child's grade level
5. Add to card
6. Proceed to make a payment

(a) no penalty of any type will be imposed against the student based upon a failure to pay; (b) no student shall be denied the right to participate for failure to pay; (c) the principal may forego a planned activity or use of a particular item based upon the collection of insufficient funds to cover the cost of the item or activity and (d) this request is for a voluntary payment.