



Music Extension Information for Kindergarten Parents
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Dear Parents,

What a joy it is to be your child's music extension specialist for their first experience with general elementary music instruction at Lincoln Heights Elementary! Our classes for kindergarten meet in the late morning from 11:55 am – 12:40 pm. You are welcome to join our class any time. Just be sure to check in with the office personnel, get a visitor badge, and then come to room 134.

Our music classes are designed with many activities that offer your child the opportunity to experience the various elemental skills and concepts of music:

- ♪ **Rhythm** → With a focus on moving and playing a **steady beat** on body percussion and un-pitched percussion instruments
- ♪ **Melody** → With a focus on using our singing voice in a **sol – mi – do** vocal range, singing alone and in a whole group setting
- ♪ **Dynamics** → Moving, listening, singing and identifying the levels of dynamics in our music ... loud and soft, or as we say in music...
Forte and *Piano*
- ♪ **Form** → The design of a song. Performance patterns in songs such as :
 - Verse and Refrain! **AB**
 - Call and Response! **A** (solo) **B** (chorus)
 - Rondo! **A B A C A D A**
- ♪ **Tempo** → The fast and slow, or medium speed of the music.
- ♪ **Timbre** → The many different voices of music! Our voices, the voices of un-pitched instruments, and the voices of those instruments that can change pitch.

We experience these concepts through speaking, singing, listening, playing, moving, and reading. We connect our experiences to the concepts and add the musical words that help us talk about music and develop our musical language skills! But most of all we *enjoy* the time we have together to learn!