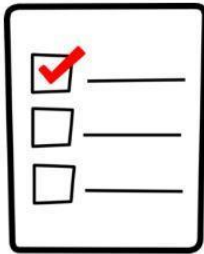




CARAVEL ACADEMY FIRST GRADE MUSIC

CLASS CONTENT:

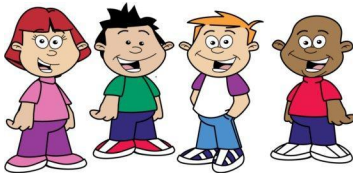


Welcome to First Grade Music! This year we will be reinforcing many concepts that were introduced in our Kindergarten program including steady beat, loud/ soft (dynamics), high/low (pitch), fast/slow (tempo), basic rhythms (quarter note, quarter rest, paired eighth note), the musical alphabet, and basic music history. We will also continue to develop our singing voices. In addition to these concepts, we will be learning additional rhythms (half note, half rest, dotted half note, whole note, and whole rest) and we will be reinforcing our knowledge of the musical alphabet by playing pitched percussion instruments. Students will learn musical concepts through songs, musical games, Smartboard lessons, and assessments included in our Quaver Music Curriculum. (information regarding the Quaver program will be sent home soon so you can learn how to continue the musical magic at home!)

To see our weekly music curriculum, please feel free to view at:

https://www.quavermusic.com/InfoCenter/FamilyOfPrograms/CurriculumMap_pdfs/1_CurrMap.pdf

GRADING POLICY:



Students are given a final marking period grade of X, P or N. Grades are made up of 75% class participation and 25% classroom assessments. Students are given weekly class participation grades using a 4-point rubric. Students are expected to:

- *Cooperate with others to accomplish lesson goals
- *Respectful to people and school property (instruments, games, etc.)
- *Follow class rules
- *Listen to and follow directions and ask for help when needed
- *Be focused and engaged in the class activity
- *Be a consistent, independent and a self-motivated learner

Students are also given class assignments and graded class assessments to evaluate their comprehension of the subject matter. Projects and assessments not completed in the allotted time frame may need to be completed and returned outside of class. Each project is graded using a 4-point rubric. Although the class assessments are important to me as an educator, ultimately class participation is the most important. All I ask is that a child tries to do their best.

FINE ARTS FESTIVALS (OUR BIG CONCERTS!):



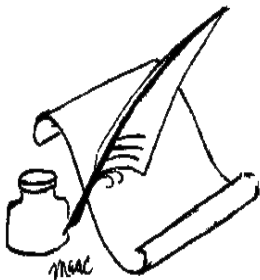
Each December and May the students perform in our Fine Arts Festival. We do have tentative dates for these events but we are still working on the logistics of how these events will take place. More information regarding these events will be communicated by the Caravel Administration and myself as soon as it is available.

ABOUT THE TEACHER:



Mrs. Kelly (Hudson) Busovsky is a 1995 graduate of Newark High School and a 1999 Graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory of Music where she received her BME (Bachelor's of Music Education) with an emphasis in voice. In 2011 Mrs. Busovsky received her Master's Degree in Applied Technology in Education from Wilmington University. This year will be her 22nd year teaching Elementary Music, Elementary (3/4), Beginning (5/6) and Middle School Choirs (7/8) at Caravel Academy. Mrs. Busovsky is an active member of DMEA (Delaware Music Educators Association), NAFME (National Association for Music Educators) and the ACDA (American Choral Directors Association). Mrs. Busovsky is also the Chair for Children's Choirs for the State of Delaware and runs the Delaware Children's Honor Choir. As the State Chair, she has presented and spoken about children's choral music at ACDA conferences. Mrs. Busovsky lives in Newark with her husband Luke, her dog Sunny and is the proud mother to her son Xander, who attends Preschool at Caravel.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY:



Music Education is an integral part of a child's development. It is no secret that students who participate in music programs score higher on standardized tests and are more confident and well rounded. The music room offers a safe and enthusiastic environment to foster creativity, confidence, personal expression and FUN! Learning vocabulary, notes, rhythms and history are important but above all, developing a life-long love of the arts is the most important goal.

METHODS OF COMMUNICATION:



Please feel free to email me at any time at kbusovsky@caravel.org.

You can also visit our Music Department Website to find information on all our program has to offer your child/ren from private lessons, local music programs, audition opportunities and MORE! <https://www.camusicboosters.com/>

Please also consider joining our Music Boosters Association, which helps to raise funds for all of our music classes from preschool through high school. Learn more by joining the Caravel Academy Music Boosters on Facebook or seeing what this organization

provides for Caravel students by checking out their web page:

<https://www.camusicboosters.com/about-the-music-boosters.html#/>