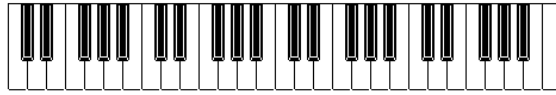


Music Technology Information 2008-2009

Our Website - www.musictechteacher.com

The rewards of an investment in music are amazing, as you will see in your child's progress throughout the school year. Music will last a lifetime!



WELCOME

Welcome! I am looking forward to a great year for the Music Technology program at Central Park Elementary School. The Music Technology program is designed to give students an opportunity to experience learning music through the use of music keyboards and computers. The students will learn about music theory, composition, performance of music, and music history. We are currently using computer programs such as Music Ace, Sibelius, and piano music from Alfred Publishing. We also have various music software programs from other music companies.

Each student will participate in the Music Technology program at Central Park for one 40-minute lesson per week during school. This lesson will consist of a group piano lesson and individual projects using the computers in the Music Lab. Full cooperation is expected from each student because of our limited time for class.

There is no charge to be in the class. Students do **not** have to have a computer, a keyboard, a piano, Internet access or other supplies to participate in the class.

INSTRUMENTS

Students will learn to play music on a Yamaha electronic piano keyboard. The keyboards, cords, cables and headphones are expensive and should be treated with extreme care. Once the students have progressed through the computer programs learning to read piano notes, they will learn how to begin playing the keyboard. We will use the Alfred Basic Piano Library Lesson Book Level 1A and other Alfred Method Books, along with many theory and history workbooks from Alfred Publishing. Any student having a piano or electronic keyboard to practice at home should be encouraged to practice so they might progress through the music programs at a faster pace.

COMPUTERS

The computers, like the music keyboards, must be handled with extreme care at all times. We currently have Windows 98SE computers in the Music Lab. No food or drink will be permitted in the Music Lab. Students should not pull on headphones, cords or cables or "punch" the keys on the computers or keyboards. Students may only work on the program that the teacher assigns to them. ANY damage to the computers, programs, headphones or other equipment by the student will be documented immediately and the parents will be responsible for repair or replacement charges. If the students cooperate by following instructions, there should be no problems.

ASSIGNMENTS / GRADES / ATTENDANCE

The students will complete lessons on the keyboard and computer in class each week related to reading music notes and rhythms, music history and theory, and learning to write simple music melodies. An electronic portfolio is also prepared with student work and compositions later in the school year.

Students will receive a numerical grade on their report card each nine weeks for Music Technology Class. A good grade includes satisfactory student participation in music performance, computer lab records or portfolios, worksheets and quizzes.

CONDUCT

Students in the Music Technology program must have **excellent** conduct at all times. If a student disrupts the class by talking, getting out of their seat without permission and disturbing other students working in the lab, the class will fall behind. Time is very limited to learn about music and to perform well. We would like to learn as much as possible in music this year. The student must follow directions at all times in the computer lab. If a student constantly interrupts class, he or she will be sent back to their regular class for that session. We are a TEAM working together to learn more about music, and we need everyone to participate willingly at all times!

SCHEDULE

My schedule is very difficult to change because of the number of students for which I am responsible. I do not change the schedule **unless** I have a performance or meeting to attend or teach at another school, or because of school programs and testing that change student schedules.

CLOSING

I am very excited about working with you and your child this year. I hope that you will **encourage and support** your child to practice every day and to work hard in music and in academic work also. If you need to get in touch with me, please leave messages in my mailbox at school (or email me through the school websites) and I will call you (or email you) on the day that I receive the message. I know that this year is going to be a wonderful year and that your child will learn a lot about music and have a great time learning more about keyboards and computers.

Sincerely,

Ms. K. Garrett

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Music Technology / Band / Webmaster

Websites

<http://www.musictechteacher.com>

<http://www.centralparkschool.com>

<http://www.birminghamfinearts.com>

Simple Procedures / Music Lab Rules

- **Number 1 Rule - TAKE CARE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE MUSIC TECH LAB!**
- Students will come in to class quickly, quietly, and be prepared to work together.
- Students will not bring any food, drink, or candy into the Music Lab.
- Students will not talk or get out of their seat without permission. (The more disruptions in class, the less we get to practice.)
- Students may not touch or play any instrument (keyboard or computer) except the one assigned to them.
- Students will treat all materials (computers, keyboards, furniture) with care and will abide by all computer lab procedures.

Please read, sign and date this page (both parent and child). Return this page stating that you and your child have read the Music Technology Information Letter for Central Park School. Keep the other pages for your reference.

Parent Name and Relation to Student (PRINT and SIGN)

Student's Name (PRINT and SIGN)

Address / Zip / Phone

INSTRUMENT – Music Technology – Keyboard

SCHOOL - Central Park Elementary

CLASS - Ms. K. Garrett - Music Technology

CURRENT HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

GRADE _____

DATE _____, 2008

EMAIL (Please Print Clearly) →

Please include your name, your child's name and class when sending email to me. Thank you.

Confidential Survey—This survey will help me determine what equipment is available for students to complete assignments at home. Also, it will help me to create CD's or Floppy disks of student work to bring home for parents to review. This information will not be shared with anyone else.

Do you have a computer at home with CD drive? NO / YES

Do you have Internet access at home? NO / YES

Do you have a piano? NO / YES

Do you have an electronic piano keyboard? NO / YES

Do you have a CD player (plays regular audio CD's)? NO / YES

Has your child had any instruction in Keyboard or Piano lessons? NO / YES