



GENERAL MUSIC AT CORPUS CHRISTI



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It's so great to get back into the swing of teaching music at Corpus Christi School. Your children already are singing, chanting, playing, dancing, creating, and experiencing music of various cultures and time periods. We've been very busy and productive!

For the newcomers, I'd like to take a moment to introduce myself and share with you the musical endeavors your children and I will be embarking on this year. My name is Mrs. Torres and I am honored to have received the privilege of teaching music to your children. I graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in music education and a concentration in voice. I have two children of my own, Caleb, five years old and Elise, two.

This is my fourth year teaching general music and I couldn't imagine doing anything else. Your children are so intelligent and musically enthusiastic, which makes my career even more rewarding. This year, I'm looking forward to another amazing musical journey.

In all of my classes, I will encourage every child to participate, put forth their best effort and use their God given voices to make beautiful music. I also will use rhythmic and tonal learning sequence activities to help develop audiation and to make a connection between oral and notated music.

Here is a brief overview of this year's curriculum:

Pre-K through second grade will be singing and listening to a varied repertoire of music, as well as experiencing different movement types to help develop and reinforce motor skills. They also will be performing accompaniments on various percussion and tonal instruments and working together as a class to create sonic atmospheres to a few poems and stories.

Third through sixth grades will be singing a varied repertoire of music, moving, playing instruments, actively listening to music and participating in some structured dance. They also will participate in some group assignments where they will be encouraged to perform for one another and give constructive criticisms. Third through fifth grades will learn how to play the recorder. Look for a detailed letter soon!

Grading in music class is rather simple. As I have explained to your children, they need to participate and do their best! In third through sixth grade, a final grade will be given based on participation, class work, quizzes and group projects.

Again, I am looking forward to another wonderful year. I hope meet and see all of you soon.

Sincerely,

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