



SAMS 8th grade Exploratory Music Class Syllabus

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Course Description: This course reviews the study of chord progressions on the keyboard and then transitions the chord progressions to the acoustic guitar. Students will explore the history, manufacturing and the playing skills of the acoustic guitar. Students demonstrate the skills by playing an accompaniment to a children's song.

Students will discover the world of Jazz. They will explore the beginnings of this unique American music genre. Students will analyze the individual unique sounds of jazz musicians and will compare and identify the musician.

Objectives/Goals:

- Review the 12 bar blues chord progression on keyboards.
- Explores the use of music technology.
- Demonstrate basic skills in playing a guitar
- Practice/Rehearsal/Performance: continue to encourage effective practice and rehearsal habits.
- Study the culture and historical context of Jazz music
- Analyze the unique sound of jazz musicians

Methods of Evaluation:

- Written Tests
- Notebook / class work
- Quizzes

Course Activities/Topics: include (but not limited to): keyboard lab work, reviewing and demonstrate music elements and notation, reading and note taking, guitar playing demonstrations, guitar skills practice, listening and analyzing unique sounds of jazz musicians,

Suggested Supplies:

- Music notebook (provided)
- Pencil
- Acoustic guitar (provided)
- Yamaha's LC4 Keyboard Lab (provided)
- Students chrombook

Class Expectations:

- Have notebook, pencil and chromebook.
- Be to class in time
- Participate in class discussions.
- Actively be engaged and willing to try new things.
- Take good care of classroom materials and keep lab are in order.
- All students try their best and be part of the team effort!

Classroom Management Plan

Negative Consequences:

1. Warning
2. Loss of privileges (sitting by friend, etc.)
3. Student/Teacher conference
4. Parent notification
5. After school detention (teacher given)
6. Referral to principal

Positive Consequences:

1. Verbal praise
2. Special recognition
3. Expanded privileges
4. Positive note
5. Extra credit
6. Dog Dollars or Paw Pass