



Westmount Charter School
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Music Education

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back from your summer holidays! I hope you had an enjoyable time! I would also like to welcome you to our new campus! Isn't it wonderful!!

My name is Maegen Stovell and I have been teaching elementary music for 17 years, and have been a part of the wonderful staff at Westmount Charter School for 12 years!

To begin the year, your child will be listening to and analyzing music, singing a variety of songs, playing musical games, and playing Boomwhackers!. They will clap rhythms, experience beat through movement, review loud and soft sounds (dynamics), fast and slow speeds (tempo), high and low sounds (pitch and melody), up and down (direction) and short and long sounds (duration). To begin each lesson, we sing our hello song and then listen to a piece of music. We then discuss what we heard in the music and what instruments were playing. Then the fun continues with our games and singing! We don't sit for long!

Two times during the year, children who take extra-curricular music lessons may share two songs with their class. We call this day "SHOW YOUR MUSICAL TALENTS". Children that do not take music lessons learn about instruments and how to be a good audience member, and on occasion have been inspired themselves to take lessons! Look in your child's planner for the dates of these special days.

Throughout the year, the students will also be working on the computer. We use the program "Music Ace" to learn the basics of music theory, ear training and we explore composing music! The students require headphones that **MUST** be left at school. Please send them in a ziplock bag clearly labeled with your child's name and class.

If you play an instrument, and would like to show and share with your child's class, please email me!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email me or even stop by at the end of the school day!

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