



Grade 4 Music Program

Please return to school by Friday, August 4th

Did you know that...

research indicates that the among the many benefits to learning to play an instrument are:

- Increased capacity to memorize.
- Improved time management and organizational skills.
- Improved reasoning skills.
- Development of team skills.
- Development of discipline and concentration.
- Development of self expression, emotional intelligence, and pride.

Did you know that 80% of academic awards in high school are earned by the 20% of the student body who participate in an instrumental music program?

One of the exciting offerings for our fourth grade students is the opportunity to choose between taking violin or general music. Both of our musical tracks are offered during the same academic period.

Violin: The string class takes the knowledge built in third grade general music and applies it to the practice of playing a musical instrument and developing ensemble performance. Basic instrument technique is taught, including instrument care, tuning, proper holding of the bow and instrument, and fingering. Violin rentals are available for approximately \$ 140.00 for 9 months through the Music and Arts Center in Lawrenceville. Contracts are provided by the school and arrangements are facilitated by Mr. Wu.

General Music: The general music class continues to build upon the third grade music studies by playing on new instruments, as well as familiar ones, to further develop reading advanced rhythm combinations and all the pitches on the 5-line staff. Partner songs, multi-part rounds, descants, and simple two part harmony songs continue to be sung. Musical elements and terminology continue to be reviewed, and new aspects of music form are introduced.

In order for us to accurately plan for the two music tracks, please indicate which musical program your son is interested in taking next year by returning the form below or e-mailing John Kling at jkling@princetonacademy.org with your choice. Once the school year begins, changes can be made at the end of the first semester.

Thank You,
Haiben Wu and Jonathan Britt
Princeton Academy Music Teachers

Child's Name _____

_____ Our son is interested in taking Violin for the 2017-2018 academic year.

_____ Our son is interested in taking General Music for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Parent's Signature _____