

Music at Hugh Mercer Elementary
Concept Overview for 2009-2010
Orientation Day Thursday Sept. 3rd
Teacher: Kim Milai

Keep updated about our music program at Hugh Mercer!
<http://blogit.cityschools.com/kmilai/>



"Music is the movement of sound to reach the soul for the education of its virtue." **Plato**

Dear Parents and Teachers,
 I am very excited to be the music teacher for your children this upcoming school year! Here is an overview of the music concepts I plan to cover for grades K-2. Please feel free to contact me if you have any musical questions concerning your child. -Kim Milai

Our music curriculum covers the SOL for Music Education in the State of Virginia

Beat/Rhythm	Melody/Singing
beat tempo (fast/slow) stop/go (sound/silence) rest note duration (long/short) rhythm (feeling quarter, eighth and sixteenth variations) moving in 2s, 3s, and 4s. conducting inner hearing increased subtlety in rhythmic changes strong/weak beat (bar-line) reading rhythmic notation identifying written songs	pitch (high/low) note duration (legato/staccato) dynamics (loud/soft) form (verse chorus phrasing) solfege (do, re, mi...) group singing individual singing reading pitch notation identifying written songs

Elements of Movement Individual Motor Skills	Elements of Movement Ensemble Motor Skills
walk run/jog skip tip toe gallop side step (sashay) jump hop clap patsch pantomime step and point improvise	sitting circle standing circle moving circle moving in place moving in space spiral serpentine movement through song form moving circle w arches partner dance and swing contra line dance

Percussion

body percussion
melodic percussion
rhythm instruments

Creative Mvt

shapes
heavy/light
imitating nature

Other

Instrument Families
Classical Music Comparisons
Elementary Acoustics
Composers
Fundamental Composition
Language Arts
(literature w. music)

**Dance Steps****Circle and Contra Line**

skating position
promenade
wring the dishrag
peel the orange
through the wicket
basket weave
do si do
star right and left

Dance Steps**National and International**

Native American circle dance
Hawaiian hula
Mexican dance
South American folk dance
European polka
European schottische
Mediterranean/Middle Eastern grapevine
West African Fanga
Chinese ribbon dance
Bhangra dance from India