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# Choir Classes

William Land Elementary, Fall Semester 2023

Thursdays

Grades 1st-3rd | 2-2:45pm

Grades 4th-6th | 3-3:45pm

Start date: Thursday, October 5th, 2023

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## Course Overview

This Choir course is designed to introduce students to the joy of choral singing, focusing on vocal techniques, ensemble skills, and basic music theory. Through a combination of vocal training, teamwork, and performance opportunities, students will build a strong musical foundation, boost their self-confidence, and develop an enduring appreciation for the power of music in our lives. This course offers a rich musical experience that not only enhances students' musical abilities but also nurtures their character and self-awareness. We look forward to embarking on this musical journey together and celebrating the joy of music throughout the academic year.

## Course Objectives

1. **Develop musicianship skills and vocal techniques** as related to choral singing – vocal range, posture, breathing, tone, blend, balance, diction, and vowel formation.
2. **Learn and perform** a varied repertoire suitable for beginner-level students.
3. **Learn** elementary music theory concepts.
4. **Develop an appreciation** for and understanding of choral music as an art form.
5. **Encourage teamwork** and ensemble skills.
6. **Provide a safe and enjoyable environment** for musical exploration.

## Course Outline

<p><b>October 2023</b></p> <p><b>Introduction to Choir</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Week 1</b> Introduction to choir, basic warm-up techniques</li><li>● <b>Week 2</b> Breathing techniques, simple vowel exercises</li><li>● <b>Week 3</b> Introduction to first song, warm-ups, and breathing</li><li>● <b>Week 4</b> Review first song, basic music theory (notation, rhythm, etc.)</li></ul>
<p><b>November 2023</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Vocal Technique</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Week 1</b> Introduction to second song, posture and stage presence</li><li>● <b>Week 2</b> Articulation and diction, continue with second song</li><li>● <b>Week 3</b> Vocal health, review first and second song</li><li>● <b>Week 4</b> Begin harmonizing, review all techniques</li></ul>
<p><b>December 2023</b></p> <p><b>Repertoire Building</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Week 1</b> Introduction to third song (a short song), warm-ups with scales</li><li>● <b>Week 2</b> Dynamics, phrasing in songs</li><li>● <b>Week 3</b> Emotional expression, review all songs and overview for next semester</li></ul>

## Course Highlights

- **Building Foundational Skills in Music:** Students will embark on a journey to develop essential musical skills, including pitch, rhythm, tone, and vocal technique. This strong foundation serves as the cornerstone for musical growth.
- **Confidence Building:** Students will gain confidence by practicing and performing, making artistic choices, and collaborating effectively with their peers during musical presentations.
- **Establishing a Musical Vocabulary:** This course will introduce students to a comprehensive musical vocabulary that is essential for communication within the music industry. Understanding and using these terms will empower students as informed musicians.

- **Unleashing Musical Potential:** We recognize that music is not just an art form but an integral part of one's cultural identity. Our goal is to help students tap into their musical potential through engaging experiences that foster creativity and self-expression.
- **Cognitive and Character Development:** Music has the power to shape both cognitive abilities and character. Performing in a choir teaches discipline, teamwork, patience, and perseverance, nurturing well-rounded individuals.
- **Lifelong Musical Learning & Appreciation:** We aim to instill a lifelong love for music and the arts. Students will be encouraged and prepared to continue their musical journey, both within and outside the school setting, including potential further study in music.

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Join us in Choir class, where we harmonize learning, creativity, and personal growth, providing a well-rounded musical education that equips students with skills and appreciation that will last a lifetime!