

WELCOME TO MS. PEARSALL'S 6TH GRADE GENERAL MUSIC CLASS!

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Goals

- o Create your own "band," in which you will play cover songs and original songs.
- o Gain a basic understanding of music technology using the iPad app, Garageband.
- o Introduction to guitar and keyboard: Performing melodies, chords, and your own compositions.



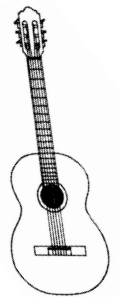
Assignments

- o Instrumental Units: Work at your own pace to learn the basics of guitar, keyboard, and Garageband. There are several small assignments along the way to serve as "checks" for your understanding and mastery of playing.
- o Culminating Projects: At the end of each instrumental unit you will compose and/or arrange a song, in a small group band, using that instrument. This will give you an opportunity to show what you have learned.
 - o Cover songs - you will choose a popular song and, in your group, work together to make your own arrangement of it.
 - o Songwriting - you and your classmates will compose a song for the group to play using all of the instruments that we have learned.



Expectations

- o Arrive to class on time (in the door before the second bell!)
- o Be respectful towards the instruments and classroom environment.
- o Be respectful to each other and to your teacher! ☺
- o Frequently check in on your grades at school and at home.
- o Try your best!



Class Materials

- o Folder, pencil, and personal earphones or earbuds

Evaluation/Grades

- o Every student has a different level of experience that they bring to this class. Students will be evaluated on their growth and proficiency on each instrument, as well as on the completeness and quality of their projects. Much of the evaluations are performance-based, though students will be evaluated on small, written assignments as well. Your final grade will very much reflect how hard you worked to accomplish each activity and how well you worked by yourself and with others in groups.

