

5th & 6th Grade Music

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Music Advocacy

Top Music Quotes

- *“Should we not be putting all our emphasis on reading, writing and math? The ‘back-to-basics curricula,’ while it has merit, ignores the most urgent void in our present system – absence of self-discipline. The arts, inspiring – indeed requiring – self-discipline, may be more ‘basic’ to our nation survival than traditional credit courses. Presently, we are spending 29 times more on science than on the arts, and the result so far is worldwide intellectual embarrassment.”*
- Paul Harvey – syndicated radio show host
- *“The things I learned from my experience in music in school are discipline, perseverance, dependability, composure, courage and pride in results. . . Not a bad preparation for the workforce!”*
- Gregory Anrig – President, Educational Testing Service

NOTE VALUES- QUIZ YOURSELF

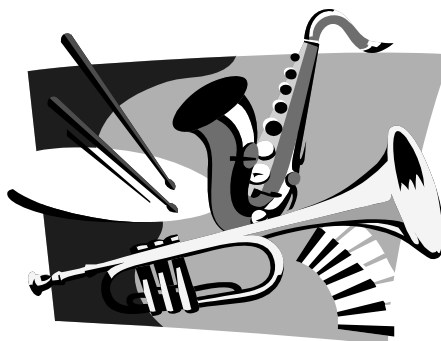
- ω A whole note gets ___ beats of _____
- η A half note gets ___ beavs of _____
- θ A quarter note gets ___ beat of _____
- ξ A sixteenth note gets $\frac{1}{4}$ a beat of _____
- ε An eighth note gets ___ a beat of sound

5th Grade

West Side Story and preparing for a day at the symphony

5th grade is going to watch the musical, *West Side Story*. We will learn about the making of this musical, and also discuss the social issues that are presented. Ask your child about what they hear in class, and how they think music affects the story. There are also some heavy issues presented in the movie like economic inequality, gangs, war, juvenile delinquency etc. Ask about it!

We are also preparing to go to the symphony on March 26th! This will be a classy day. Your student will need to be in their best dress. We are also in need of a few chaperones. Contact the school if you are interested. Keep your eye on the calendar. A spring arts night could appear.



6th Grade

Like the 5th graders, we are watching the musical, *West Side Story*. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to connect modern music with real life situations. There are some heavy issues in this movie like, stereotypes, gang violence, juvenile delinquency, etc. Ask your student what they think!

6th graders have an opportunity to see a special play at Weber University. This play will help students connect arts to everyday situations. More details to come. Keep an eye out for the spring arts night!

