

performing arts

Early School

In early school, students begin to create music through a variety of activities, including singing, movement, and play-parties. Early schoolers also have their first exposure to small hand percussion during this year of experiencing and enjoying music in a large group environment.

Kindergarten

In kindergarten, students continue to create music in a variety of ways. Students develop a steady sense of beat and explore their singing voices - both individually and as a group. Simple folk dances are introduced.

First Grade

In first grade, students are well on their way to singing in tune. Students develop their sense of beat and learn simple rhythms that use quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes and quarter rests. They continue to use a variety of instruments to accompany their singing, and experiences in movement and folk dancing are also growing.

Second Grade

In second grade, students are able to expand their vocal and instrumental "color palette", including a wide variety of small percussion instruments. Second graders continue to develop their singing, creative movement, and folk dancing skills while enjoying a growing experience with the barred instruments.

Third Grade

In third grade, students continue their musical development through singing in rounds and playing the soprano recorder. Third graders approach more difficult music on the barred instruments and take on the challenge of approaching creative projects within a small-group setting.

Fourth Grade

In fourth grade, students broaden their vocal and instrumental skills through partner songs and more advanced recorder playing. Fourth graders get a beginning experience with World Music Drumming and develop their skills on the barred instruments, and have a culminating recorder experience with the MSO.

Extra-Curricular

PS Songbirds

Tuesdays 8:00-8:25 AM

Choir is optional; attendance is mandatory. Students may join Songbirds at the beginning of each semester. This year, Songbirds will be performing in Prairie's Jubilate Concert in December, PS Fan Night in January, and in PS Books, Alive! Presentations throughout the school year.

Suzuki Lessons!

Tuesdays

2nd Grade students are invited to enroll in Suzuki Violin and Cello Group Lessons. Parent participation is mandatory. Current Suzuki students in Grades 3 and 4 will continue with their lessons. Contact Suzuki Master Teacher Charlene Melzer, charlene_melzer@yahoo.com

Private Music Lessons

Is your student ready to take their music-making to the next level? Please visit the website below for private lesson teachers and their contact information.

<http://www.prairieschool.com/arts/pa/private-music-lessons/>

February 8, 2018

ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE

Florentine Opera

The Florentine Opera assembly transforms the Mitchell Theatre for an in-house performance. Students delight in the singing and acting in this 9:30 AM assembly - all without leaving school.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

Jubilate Concert

PS Songbirds will join student musicians in grades 5-12 to perform in Prairie's holiday Jubilate Concert at 6:30 PM in the John Mitchell Theatre. Join us as we salute the season!

OCTOBER 12, 2017

MSO Field Studies

All students in grades 2-4 will attend a Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert. You may chaperone if you are interested! Contact Ally Smalley asmalley@prairieschool.com