

# 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, develop their skills on the barred instruments, and have a culminating recorder experience with the MSO.

## Extra-Curricular

### Private Music Lessons

Is your student ready to take their music-making to the next level? Please visit the Prairie Website, under Arts to find the Private Lesson Teacher page for teacher contact and bio information.

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### MSO Field Studies

All students in grades 2-4 will attend a Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert. You may chaperone if you are interested! Contact your child's classroom teacher or Ally Smalley [asmalley@prairieschool.com](mailto:asmalley@prairieschool.com)

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VISITING ARTISTS

Opera For the Young

Opera for the Young will transform the PS Gym into an immersive opera performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Students will delight in performing with the opera artists by having the opportunity to sing from their seats and some will even appear onstage in chorus and cameo roles, performing for their peers right alongside the professional artists. All the magic of a professional opera performance- all without leaving school!

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