

# Middle School Music Explorations

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## Syllabus

### Materials:

- Guitar \$80+
  - This can be ordered through Ms. Ross or you can purchase or borrow one on your own
  - There are several stores in the area that sell good beginner guitars starting at around \$80 (the guitars for sale at Wal-mart and Toys-r-Us are toys and will not hold up well)
  - If you child has small hands you will want to consider buying a guitar that is less than full size.
  - Please see me or e-mail me if you have any questions
- Guitar tuner \$20
- Soprano recorder \$6
  - I will order soprano and alto recorders for those who need them. If your child already has either of these I will check to confirm that they are tuned correctly.
- Alto recorder \$15

### Topics:

- Students will learn to read music notation so that they can:
  - play chords and melodies on guitar
  - play melody and harmony on soprano and alto recorder
  - play melody, harmony and rhythm on pitched percussion instruments
  - provide rhythmic accompaniment on percussion instruments
- Students will also integrate musical skills learned outside the classroom such as piano, violin, bass, and dance.

### Grading:

- Class participation
- Daily practice at home
- Homework
- Daily classwork
- Performances
- Quizzes

### Performances:

- Math Bowl in November
- Spring concert
- University School Sporting events (possibly)