

DRUMS AND DANCE (5th Grade)

This course is twice a week for the entire school year.

The focus is rhythmic studies through performance, movement, music appreciation, and reading and writing of musical notes.

Core curriculum:

- Learn how to read, write and perform quarter, 8th, 16th and triplet notes.
- Understand timing.
- Discover dynamics. When and how to play Double Forte (very loud) and Piano (very soft) and everything in between.
- Play and experiment with different percussive instruments. Buckets, bells, drum sets and tambourines.
- Explore different dance styles and how to implement them with timing.
- Become a team player, do your part as a member of an ensemble.
- Compromise. Suggesting songs to perform to and then voting on them as a team.
- Leadership. What it takes to be a good leader and a good follower.
- Music exploration through popular music and individual tastes.
- Introduction to drumline and marching bands.
- How to create and practice for a performance (repetition and rehearsal).

Performances:

- Winter and Spring shows
- In class play alongs to music using buckets and various percussion instruments
- Dance Parties (time to have fun, learn new moves, let loose and be a 10 year old!)
- Meditation (time to relax and reflect...and nap if needed)

5th grade (age 10-11) is an extremely pivotal point in a child's development. Especially socially!!

Here we instill that it's:

- Ok and important to dance.
- Fine to dance with whomever you choose. It's not a big deal!
- Important to sing.
- Important to understand different musical tastes.
- Important to be compassionate and understanding of others feelings.
- Important to be yourself and be able to express it.
- You HAVE to dance!