

Lomas Music 2013-14

Dear Parents,

I am looking forward to another exciting year of making music with your children! We will be studying the elements of music through the experiences of singing, playing, moving, reading, composing, listening and analyzing. It is my hope that these experiences will help to build a life-long love and appreciation for music and their participation in a well-balanced music program will give them the basis for a later appreciation and participation in both school and adult life.

Your child will have the opportunities to participate in them-based music making such as; American music, world music, friends, families, animals, ecology, storytelling, seasons and celebrations. Lomas children also experience the joy of music through the philosophical, pedagogical method approaches of Carl Orff and Zoltan Kodaly.

Lomas students will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and abilities in two grade level musical programs for the school and community. Second graders perform as a grade level in December and Fifth graders perform in May. Specific dates will be posted on the Lomas School Calendar and classroom teacher communications during the year. These dates are also posted on the Lomas music web page.

Lomas second and third grade students for the third year in a row will attend a professional inter active performance at Higley Center for the Arts with songwriter/performer Tom Chapin. Watch for songs and activities online and in your child's backpacks for this fun and educational experience in March.

You can also reinforce your child's music learning at home. Consider listening and singing to music together and *talking* about it. Ask your child to share songs learned in music class. Attend local concerts to help foster appropriate audience behavior. These experiences will help make music more meaningful at home, at school and in the community.

Yours in harmony,

Mrs. Bartsch, Lomas Music Specialist