Band Updates!

Hello Band Parents!

We have been busy in band this quarter! We're working on our first 5 notes, and progressing in the book. Now we are starting to get to songs that we can recognize!

Please don't forget that I made a website for our band class. There are LOTS of resources available on this website and I continue to add more. The website is http://angeloband.weebly.com. Please check it out!

"I don't know how to read the notes!!!"

Is your student having a hard time understanding the names of the notes on the musical staff?

Here's what I recommend.

Have them practice from the beginning of the book again. We have learned a total of 5 notes in band, so seeing the difference between what those notes look like on the staff is VERY important! Also, I recommend going to the note name review challenges on my website! They are only 2 minutes long and I can guarantee that your student will feel better about reading the notes on the staff after doing that challenge! Music reading is HARD. It's like learning a new language, so it is understandable if your student is getting frustrated with it. Keep encouraging them to work on these challenges to get better at reading the notes as it will only get easier from there!

When does band meet??

Regency Place- B,D,BDE Days- We will NOT meet on 1/8. Our first day back will be 1/9!

Bentwood, Countryside- A,C,ACE Days- Our first day back will be 1/10!

What do I need for band?

Please make sure your student has the following for band class:

*Instrument

*Pencil

*Sound Innovations Book 1

*Instrument Supplies (see band packet)

*Portable Music Stand (These will stay at HOME except for during our concerts!)

All of these items can be found at a local music store. Please see the "Welcome To Band" Packet your student brought home. I have listed all supplies needed and a list of local music stores.

Band is for a grade???

Please remember that starting in 2nd Quarter, your student will be receiving a grade for band for the remainder of the year. They will be graded on the following:

Classroom participation and following expectations, coming to class with all their materials and participating in our performances.

BANDO!

This is just a fun, OPTIONAL assignment to work on over winter break so your student continues to practice during our time off. This will come home with them later next week. I will also put a copy on my website! Please note that they may NOT start working on BANDO until Winter Break starts (3:40 on 12/20) and that in order to check off a square, they must do 10 minutes of practice. They may not check off more than one square within a 10 minute practice session. BANDO will be due when we come back from break (either 1/9 or 1/10). A parent/guardian signature is required at the bottom of the page once your student completes their BANDO sheet. Prizes will be given for completing a BANDO or a blackout! Have fun!! ©



What have we been doing in class?

- Breathing exercises to build endurance
- Long tones on instruments to improve tone/sound coming out of the instrument
- Note naming exercises
- Rhythm exercises
- Whole note, half note, quarter note (and rests!)
- The first 5 notes of the book!
- We have made it to page 9-10 in the Sound Innovations book so far!
- Band Karate Belts
- Percussion has started SNARE DRUM!
- Percussion has learned 2 rudiments on snare drumflam and paradiddle!

Coming up in Band

Countryside Band

PT Area concert on January 23rd! Concert start time- 7:00pm

This is a concert held at Pioneer Trail Middle school with all of the elementary schools that will be going to PT! (Walnut Grove, Indian Creek, Countryside) We will perform a concert together as a BIG 5th grade band and listen to the 6th grade band!

Bentwood and Regency Place Band

CT Area Concert on January 30th! Concert start time- 7:00pm

This is a concert held at California Trail Middle school with all of the elementary schools that will be going to CT! (Bentwood, Heatherstone, Pleasant Ridge, Regency Place) We will perform a concert together as a BIG 5th grade band and listen to the 6th grade band!

*There will be a daytime field trip to practice at CT on the same day! More details to come!

As always, thank you for reading through the information! Please contact me with any questions!

I hope you have very Happy Holidays and a great start to the New Year!!

Musically,

Kimberlyn Angelo

"Without music, life would **B-Flot!"**