

OUR MUSIC PROGRAM

MUSIC

At Newbery Park Primary School students learn music using the concepts developed by Zoltan Kodaly. He recognised that too many students are taught to play an instrument before they understand sounds. That's like teaching a 1-year-old to type on a computer before they can talk!

Music education starts when babies hear the sounds of voices and their expressions. Soon children begin to understand speech and learn to talk. *At the same time they are also learning music through the folk songs of our culture: birthday and Christmas songs, nursery rhymes, clapping games and classic hits.*

It's not until children are very good at talking that we help them to understand the alphabet and spelling so they can read. *Similarly, children should be very good at singing and understand exact notes before they ever learn about reading and writing music. Only when they can read music should students begin to learn the mechanics of playing an instrument.*



Music is creative and playful



Music is intellectual and logical

Music is a fundamental part of human nature



Music is soothing



Music is for everybody

Music is a social and physical activity



Did you know.....Playing music together in a group uses more parts of the brain simultaneously than ANY other human activity!

Through singing and games students learn how music works.

They use their musical knowledge to:

- Learn how to play xylophone, piano, drums, recorder and guitar
- Create their own music in bands and perform it
- Have fun jamming with others
- Develop co-ordination
- Develop responsibility
- Develop their brain's thinking ability



Additional Programs:

The Instrumental Music Service visits our school each week to provide tuition to students who choose to learn trumpet, trombone, violin, flute or saxophone.

"Voices" is a student-lead vocal group who meet weekly and perform at school and local events

The Music Room is open for all to enjoy before school and during some breaks. It is a place of dynamic, determined, friendly and inspirational musical activity.