

Music

Dear Parents:

My goal is to foster a life-long appreciation for music in your child by teaching the fundamentals of musicianship through the study of vocal and instrumental music. Students will learn sight-singing and study instrumental techniques throughout the school year.

I joined the faculty of Merritt Academy in 1996 while completing my doctorate degree at The Benjamin T. Rome School of music of the Catholic University of America. I am a member of the Music Educator's National Conference, the Virginia Music Educator's Association and the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. I direct the Academy Ringers, our student handbell choir, and I teach piano in our after school program.

This child-centered music curriculum is based on shared responsibility and teamwork. I encourage parents to visit your child's class at any time. If you any have questions, please call me at (703) 273-8001 ext. 105, or you may write me at: edwardn@merrittacademy.org

Sincerely,

Edward Nassor

Age	How Often	Key Concepts
K 4	<i>30 min, 1x per week</i>	<i>Singing, Playing instruments, Movement, using Music for Little Mozarts classroom curriculum.</i>
Kindergarten	<i>30 min, 1x per week</i>	<i>Introductory ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Rhythm instruments and composer studies pt 1.</i>
1st Grade	<i>30 min, 2x per week</i>	<i>Beginning ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Pt 2 of rhythm instruments and composer studies pt 2.</i>
2nd Grade	<i>30 min, 2x per week</i>	<i>Elementary ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Boomwhacker and bell studies pt 1, introduction to music history.</i>
3rd Grade	<i>45 min, 2x per week</i>	<i>Pt 2 of elementary ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Recorder Karate and bell studies pt 2 and beginning music history.</i>
4th Grade	<i>45 min, 2x per week</i>	<i>Early intermediate ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Advanced recorder study, introduction to handchimes and elementary music history.</i>
5th Grade	<i>45 min, 2x per week</i>	<i>Advanced intermediate ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Handchimes, beginning handbells and intermediate music history.</i>
6th – 8th Middle School	<i>45 min, 1 or 2x per week</i>	<i>Advanced ear training, sight singing, vocal performance. Intermediate and advanced handbells, music history and musicology.</i>