

## **Ms. Adler's Music Class, Outline 2016-2017 - Grade TK-5**

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Music is going to be such a fun and rewarding experience for your children this year! I hope my class inspires and excites your child. We will sing, perform on instruments, and dance in every class. My goal is to give your students opportunities through music to explore history and culture and help them grow to become more respectful, well-rounded, and thoughtful students.

### **Communication:**

Art and Music will be working together to create multiple places for communication. Currently we have email, newsletters, and an "Extracurriculars" album on facebook. We are working on a website and will continue to try to find ways to include you in exactly what is going on in our classrooms!

### **Course outline:**

**TK/Kindergarten:** Students will explore and play to discover rhythm, melody, harmony, musical form, and timbre (how an instrument sounds). They will get to perform on many different percussion instruments. They will learn many songs and games to use in play.

**1st Grade:** Students learn will learn how to read basic rhythms and solfege. They will be introduced to the xylophone and work on good vocal qualities.

**2nd Grade:** Students will learn how to read rhythms and solfege. They will begin to perform in harmony and be introduced to reading advanced music symbols.

**3rd Grade:** Students will learn how to perform and conduct with more advanced rhythms. They will be able to perform in many different types of form and harmony together.

**4th/5th Grade:** Students will perform on every instrument of the classroom, including recorders. The goal is to teach your children how to read music and the fundamentals of every voice/instrument so that they can make an informed decision about which direction they would like their musical lives to continue in middle school, based on what sounds and genres of music they love most.

**All classroom procedures and rules will be discussed and practiced at the beginning of music class.**

## **Mrs. Olson Art Class, Outline 2016-2017 - Grade TK-5**

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*I am* so excited to be part of the Plumas Lakes School district this year. I can't wait to meet your children and introduce them to the wonderful world of Creation! As framework for my teaching, I pay close attention to the CA Common Core Visual Art Standards for every grade. I also try as often as possible, in collaboration with the classroom teacher, to use subject-centered art instruction. Students gain a much deeper understanding of the content and learn to relate art to the world.

I am a firm believer in teaching students basic fundamental art skills. Learning how to observe the world and draw will be the starting point for all other art units.

The art room will be a space where creativity, thinking outside the box and fabulous ideas will be encouraged. Who is to say the sky has to be blue!

### **Course outline:**

**TK/Kindergarten:** Students will be exposed to the elements of art and the principles of design. Being able to verbalize and recognize art patterns in their daily lives, through the use of art tools, will be encouraged. Learning how to "see" and use the five basic elements will be repeated and encouraged in every project. Students will be given enough structure for success and enough freedom to be independently creative.

**1st Grade:** Students learn the process of mixing colors and create art pieces using their new skills. Talking about color will be a thread through the entire year. Introduction of sculptural materials will also be an educational adventure.

**2nd Grade:** More advanced art mediums and techniques are introduced. Students create art using watercolors, oil pastel and more. Depicting the illusion of depth, overlapping shape and creating space in their art will be taught.

**3rd Grade:** Students will create landscape art using perspective. Color theory and value study will be reviewed and introduced. Soft pastel, watercolors and more advanced media use will be practiced.

**4th Grade:** More advanced art lessons are introduced. Students learn the difference between 2-D and 3-D works of art. Learning how to shade using graphite pencils will be an important part in this unit. Can't wait to start our dust bunnies!

**5th Grade:** Students create increasingly complex original works of art reflecting independent choices and increased technical skills. Introduction to one-point perspective. Students will draw original art pieces creating space and depth using only graphite as a shading tool. Contour drawing and abstraction will also be introduced.

**All classroom procedures and rules will be discussed and practiced at the beginning of art class.**