



Dear parents/guardians,

We are excited to begin our ukulele unit in 4th grade. Students will have opportunities to learn a variety of folk songs and popular songs on the ukulele this year. We will be learning about strumming and rhythm patterns, harmony and chord functions, reading music, playing in an ensemble, and songwriting. The best part about playing the ukulele is that students will get to learn how to sing and play a variety of songs with just a few chords!

Students are not required to purchase a ukulele, but if you choose to do so, I've attached a ukulele buying guide for your convenience. Ukuleles make great birthday and holiday gifts for students! Students are welcome to bring their own ukulele to class or they are welcome to use the ukuleles we have in the music room.

Fun Facts!

Playing an instrument has many health benefits including increased eye-hand coordination, lower stress levels, improved brain function, focus, and mental clarity. Other benefits include social interaction, a sense of achievement, and improved reading comprehension. Learning the ukulele also helps students develop an understanding of music literacy, melody, harmony, form, tempo, dynamics, and ear training.

We are excited to begin this musical adventure together! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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