

Saludos musicales!

Miguel Martinez • Wednesday, Jan 27 at 5:38 PM • **6th Grade, 8th Grade**

Hello familia ParkDay

I am looking forward to embarking on an incredible musical journey with your children this semester; finally, we can play music again. I had the opportunity to meet my **6th grade students** for the first time this semester, and they are super musical. I'm so excited about the musical results that we will have at the end of the semester. Right now, with 6th grade, we are learning about Blues and the history of this great style of music, and we are learning memory games. We will soon learn about body percussion. Please ask your kids about the memory games and the song that we are playing.

For my **8th grade class**, we will go deeper into the roots of jazz and blues also. We are learning "Summertime" and "Feeling Good." I chose these particular songs because they talk about liberation. "Feeling Good" is one of my favorite pieces, especially Nina Simone's version. We are going to have two guest singers for these particular songs. I'm so happy that we can play instruments again and have the opportunity to use the instruments. Still, I need full cooperation in following the Covid Protocols, which is to be six feet away from each other. Even if students are in the same COVID pod outside of school, the rule still applies. I need you to have a conversation with them, reminding them to stay in their place in my classroom. I want to protect them and myself, so please have that conversation. We are doing our best to clean the instruments after each class and remind everyone of social distancing rules, but sometimes some students are still not getting it. Please talk to them! We want the community and ourselves to be safe.

I want to have a beautiful concert at the end of the semester and keep making music with my classes, but we need full cooperation to make that happen.

Thanks so much, and I'm looking forward to showing you all their musical achievements at the end of the semester.