

Music at Union Valley

Welcome to Union Valley Elementary Music! The K-5 vocal music program at Union Valley will provide students with opportunities to listen to, create, perform and enjoy many types of music. Our mission is to develop a lifetime love of music in our students.

Your student will get to come to music every other day for 35 minutes.

Programs

1st and 3rd grades work on the Christmas Program,

Thursday Dec. 14th 7 pm

2nd and 4th grades work on the Spring Program.

Thursday April 19th 7 pm

5th graders have their own program in the spring.

Thursday May 10th 7 pm

Kindergarten classes each perform their own Nursery Rhyme program by class during the school day during the last month of school. Dates will be determined in February so be looking for those!

Grading

Students are graded over the following standards in music...

- *Sings and plays instruments alone and with others
- *Participates in class activities
- *Performs in grade level program
- *Demonstrates self-control towards self, others and instruments

Students receive a 1, 2 or 3 depending on their ability to meet, exceed or work o the particular standard. Students may be removed from the activity if their behavior becomes too disruptive.

Students also receive a grade for participating in their grade level programs during the school year. If they do not attend the program they will only receive half of the points- unless it is an emergency situation or the student has not been at school that day due to illness.

You are more than welcome to come anytime to visit our class. Feel free to contact me at school with any questions or comments you may have. I am excited to get to work with your child this year!!

~Mrs. Shank- Music instructor

2017
To
2018

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Background

Hello there! Welcome to Union Valley K-5 general music! I am Mrs. Shank and I am thrilled to be your music teacher! This year marks my 11th year of teaching, but my 6th year teaching at Union Valley. I taught for 6 years in a small town in Western Kansas prior to coming to UV. I was so excited when I got the job here at Union Valley because it was my dream job to teach at the same grade school that I went to as a young child. In the few years I have been here I have tried to continue the wonderful music traditions that I experienced as a young student at U.V. I have 4 kids of my own- so my husband and I are so pleased that our own children will be able to experience grade school at U.V. just like we were! My oldest son Calvin will be a 7th grader, and my middle daughter Juliette will be a 5th grader here at Union Valley. My little daughter Clara will be in kindergarten and my youngest son Jack will be in Headstart this year, so I am a very busy mama and teacher!! When I am not busy chasing my little ones around I enjoy traveling, reading and cooking. I graduated from Kansas State University and love to go to the K-State games during the fall to cheer on the Wildcats. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past couple of looong summers as I was able to spend time cuddling with my little ones, but my big kids and I both are more than ready to get this school year started and can not wait to continue to make U.V. a GREAT place to be!

Student Expectations

Students are expected to follow these rules in music class:

M- Make good choices

U- Use kind words

S- Show respect to classmates, teacher and music

I- Involve yourself

C- Care for our room and instruments

Music Standards

Our music standards were recently revised in 2014 and in our classroom we are focusing on these BIG ideas of the new standards...

Creating- Students will explore and learn about the tools/information musicians use to create music and will be able to use those tools to create their own music.

Performing- Students will be given opportunities to study musical performances and will be able to perform music that is technically appropriate for their skill level.

Responding- Students will understand that music is a means of expression and will be able to listen to and respond to a variety of genres of music