

Grade 5 & 6 General Music:

Hello Everyone!

I hope that you are all doing well, and that you are getting some much needed quality time with your families. I have found that many of you are already budding musicians, and have had the pleasure of hearing you in class. This ranges from lovely singing alone or in groups, playing your individual instrument that you brought from home, or more recently playing a piece that we have started throughout our xylophone unit. Here are some bullet points from our previous lessons in class that will encourage you to continue your learning at home...

- Whatever you have learned in class on a xylo can be played on a piano. So... do you have access to any kid xylos, or kid pianos, keyboards, or maybe if you ask your parents nicely, the house piano? Also there are plenty of piano & xylophone apps that can get you playing. I will send you the few pieces we have started as well as a few newer pieces to keep things moving!
- Remember proper playing technique if you have a xylo on hand. This would be to hold the mallets as if you were holding bike handlebars, and striking the instrument with a loose, bouncy, feel in order for the bar to vibrate. The bar needs to vibrate in order to sound.
- Although all grades 3-6 general music are in a xylophone unit, my 5th and 6th are learning this at a more intensive pace and I have provided you with videos that will challenge you to add piano melody as well as chords. This is omitted from grades 3 & 4.
- These lessons may take you about two weeks or more depending how much time you have to practice the piece. Plus, there are other pieces on the site you may want to look at. Try not to get discouraged and know that I am more than happy to help you! Just send me an email at ecavalho@westportschools.org
- Happy practicing! :)

Transferring our xylo pieces to piano:

- If you don't have a xylo, but you do have access to a piano or keyboard then here is the fingering you should use. Please follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xEjpHoUg1fE>
- Here is a long but informative 1st lesson on the piano: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPxqPw1N1Qk&t=5s>
- Below you will find some of the beginning pieces we learned on xylos in class... All the letters are labeled for you...see if you can transfer what you learned in class on the xylo to a piano or keyboard at home!
- BABY SHARK: <https://colormemozart.com/baby-shark-piano-notes/>
- TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR: <https://colormemozart.com/twinkle-twinkle-little-star-piano-notes/>

I also included this in my 3rd and 4th Grade Unit...check this out if you want more of a challenge! This is about a year worth of pieces....:)

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS??

28 SONGS TO PLAY ON THE XYLOPHONE OR PIANO!

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQadz4_Sz9ChxxRz1U5Sn3ZsMHDgw1Xfx

