

Grade 3 & 4 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 toy xylos, or toy 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.

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>
- BABY SHARK: Simply follow the letters! We did this in class!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5XmpPv-FHc&list=PLQadz4_Sz9ChxxRz1U5Sn3ZsMHDgw1Xfx
- OR.....<https://colormemozart.com/baby-shark-piano-notes/>
- MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ScYGP9smXOY>

ARE YOU READY FOR THIS??

28 SONGS TO PLAY ON THE XYLOPHONE OR PIANO!

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

Yes, I realize I just gave you about a year or more worth of material, but I know that I have students who love a challenge and would want to go further in their lesson. So see how far you go and send me an email at ecarvalho@westportschool.org with your progress or questions. I hope to see you all soon and will add other material to this page in the following weeks!

Stay healthy!