

NEWSLETTER

FIRST YEAR ORCHESTRA

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

There are three main categories in orchestra: left-hand skills, right-hand skills, and deciphering what we see on the page. Students have learned basic skills in all three categories, and are now working to combine those skills. Additionally, we have started learning a full-page piece for the Winter Concert!

PLEASE NOTE: Practice Planners are an assignment that is due every week on Tuesdays. Your child should be practicing at home, filling out the planner, and asking for a parent signature each week.

PERFORMING ORCHESTRAS

WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

We are well into our ensemble unit! Students are working in small groups to prepare for the Ensemble Concert on 12/5. Working in an ensemble requires each individual to know their part as if it were played as a solo. This unit aims to strengthen a student's sense of pulse, intonation, and ability to problem solve in a musical setting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 15 - Full Orchestra Auditions (PO)
- 30 - Wrap Party (PO)

DECEMBER

- 1 - 5th Grade Tour (Chamber)
- 1 - Full Orchestra Rehearsal (Chamber, Auditioned Students)
- 5 - Ensemble Concert (PO)
- 6 - Winter Concert (FYO)
- 8, 9 - Region Orchestra Clinic (auditioned students only)

JANUARY

- 18 - Main Event Social (All students)