

KING ARTS MIDDLE SCHOOL • Mr. Smith • 2015-16

6th Grade • CLASS GUITAR SYLLABUS

UNITS OF STUDY

- THE GUITAR – History & traditions, styles, fretted instrument family
 - PROPER TECHNIQUE – Left & right hand technique, posture
 - READING GUITAR MUSIC – Standard notation, tablature, chord charts, scale & chord diagrams
 - THE BLUES – 12-bar blues, riffs, blues scales
 - ROCK & ROLL – Riffs, chord progressions, popular songs
 - PERFORMANCE ENSEMBLE – Playing in parts, riffs + chords + melody
 - CHORDS – Basic major and minor triads, 7th chords
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ASSIGNMENTS & PRESENTATIONS (GRADING)

- CLASS BEHAVIOR (20%) – Respect for learning environment, classmates, and teachers
 - CLASS PARTICIPATION (10%) – Engagement in lessons, effort playing guitars
 - IN-CLASS PERFORMANCES (10%) – class & individual performances
 - QUIZES (30% each) – (1) Note-reading, first three strings (2) Blues
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EXPECTATIONS

- **MUSIC is a CLASS** – as in all other classes, **respectful behavior** and **readiness to learn** are expected. Respect your classmates, the music room, and your teacher.
- You may not miss music class to make up or finish work for another class.
- **GUM CHEWING, EATING or DRINKING is NEVER** permitted in the music room.
- **TALKING or DISTRACTING NOISES** during class is *never* acceptable.

Students seeking extra help should arrange for time outside of class with Mr. Smith

I have read this syllabus with a parent/guardian and understand what is expected of me in music class. I will give 100% effort to be successful in music class, participate in class activities, complete all assignments on time, and show complete respect to my classmates, the music room, and to Mr. Smith.
PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME LEGIBLY.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Please sign and return to Mr. Smith by start of class on _____