

5th Grade Band Choice Activities

Hello 5th grade band members and families! I hope everyone is doing well and that figuring out how to complete your school work at home hasn't been too crazy! I know that I am ready to get back to school, because trying to teach band from my computer is not very easy! Anyway, I think that I have given the 6th grade, Junior High Band, and the High School Band enough to finish out their school year. However, I realize that I haven't connected with you (5th grade band members) in a while, so that's what this page is designed to help you do!

First order of business, if your instrument or band book is still located in the band room, please email Mr. Hollar, as Mr. Fannin will be cleaning out the band lockers and giving all instruments and left materials to Mr. Hollar, Mr. Johnson and the office to distribute on Friday, May 1.

Second: Please choose 2 of the activities listed below each week and work on them from now until May 15 (when we will start wrapping up the school year). However, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WORK THROUGH ALL OF THEM BY MAY 15th, JUST TRY TO HAVE FUN COMPLETING 1-2 ACTIVITIES TO KEEP YOU ENGAGED WITH MUSIC AND YOUR INSTRUMENT.

***I DO HIGHLY ENCOURAGE (and expect) you to put in practice on your instruments! Please continue playing the exercises in your book that we have worked on in class and work to practice about 60 minutes (1 hour) every week! You will improve greatly if you continue to practice, but not practicing at all will hurt. I would like for you to continue playing the Essential Elements Exercises/lines that we worked on in class. A good tip for you is to play along with the CD or Online resource that came with your book (check the inside of your book for instructions on how to access the materials online (but please be sure to get permission from your parents/an adult). It is fun to check out the recordings and to play along! Enjoy practicing and making music, it can be a great way to break away from all of the normal school work! Enjoy!

***Please send Mr. Fannin an email (sfannin@wlstigers.org) about what activities you complete or plan to complete by May 15th. This is the only turn in/report that you need to complete for me, and all of the activities listed on the next page are to be completed on your own (this is a way of saying that you are on the honor system and I will expect that you have completed 2 activities every week and are practicing)! However, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND ME VIDEOS OF YOU PLAYING SOMETHING OR WORKING ON AN ACTIVITY! I would love to see you playing and/or working on music! This is not required, but just a way for me to see how you are progressing/doing! You can email me a video; a video link; or send something to your classroom teacher and they can get it to me. Have fun making music and I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU NEXT YEAR IN 6TH GRADE BAND!!! WE WILL HAVE SO MUCH FUN MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER NEXT YEAR, I KNOW IT!!!

Musically,

Mr. Fannin

Activities To Choose From (outside of already practicing)

1. Find 3 recordings of famous/professional musicians that play the same instrument as you. **Please be sure to use parental guidance while searching for your songs!**
 - List the musicians' names, names of the songs/pieces they are playing, and then write down your opinion or thoughts on what you heard, then share it with a family member or even me (with an email or video)!
2. **With a parent**, check out the website called Basic Band Info (you can click on the link below). This website has beginning band books for each instrument, as well as helpful tips, videos and other resources to check out! I highly encourage looking at this website and working through the band book for your instrument, but be sure to check it out with parental permission! **Link:** <http://basicband.info/>
3. Pick 2 music theory sheets from the listed website below and print them out to complete. Share them with a family member or me when completed.
 - **Link:** <http://chenteresa.squarespace.com/free-music-theory-worksheets/>
4. Pick two music games to play from the website listed below (with parental permission please)! The games are listed off to the right side of the screen.
 - **Link:** <https://musicplayonline.com/grades/grade-5/>
5. Pick a line from your Essential Elements Book (starting with #14 and beyond please). If possible, record yourself playing the line/song that you selected (use a parent's device with permission, if necessary). Listen to the recording and critique (answer) the following questions about your playing. Things to answer in your critique: Did your tone (characteristic sound) sound good? Were you able to tap your foot to the beat of your recording (did you keep a steady beat/tempo)? Were your rhythms played clean and accurately (to the best of your knowledge/ability)? Did you play the correct notes (most of the time, some of the time, maybe not much at all)? Any other comments about your recording?

**Remember to continue working and practicing. If you did not do well the first time you recorded, then save it, continue practicing the line and fixing everything you can, and then re-record yourself a day or two later and do the same critique process. Was it better than the first one? (I think most of you will be amazed)!!
6. Pick a music activity of your own design. This could be a fun music website that you have already encountered (with parental permission), a game you created, or just simply enjoying listening to one of your favorite artists playing music on your instrument (good famous artists on your instrument can be found at the Basic Band Info website). The most important thing you can do right now at home, is stay engaged (working) with playing, reading and writing music!