

Student Music Kit

This is a strange time we live in but I'm so glad we have music to help us get through it! While music class will be a bit different this year, you can fully participate in all the important learning with a simple music kit. Most of the items you can probably gather from things around your home.



Cleaning - Both at Home and School

1. Wash hands before and after music class.
2. Mallets can be dunked in a bleach wash (handles down). A bleach wash is a capful of bleach in a sink or bucket of water.
3. Use sanitizing spray for things that can't get wet.
4. Recorders can be dunked in a bleach wash like in #2 above.

General Music Kit - BASIC

1. **A gallon-sized bag, shopping bag, or other container** to hold your kit.

2. **A shaker.**

You could use a small plastic container like these from Glad. A plastic egg (like from Easter) would also work. (Eggs might need to be taped closed, especially for younger children.)



Put a few popcorn kernels or other small items inside. Some possibilities could be dried beans, paperclips, small stones - use your imagination!

3. **Two wooden sticks** of some kind.

While you probably don't have rhythm sticks, lummi sticks or even drum sticks at your house, you might have:

- Chopsticks
- Pencils
- Dowels (wooden rods)
- Wooden spoons



Best case is that the two wooden objects are the same size and weight.

4. **A scraper** of some sort.
One very inexpensive idea is a **pool noodle scraper**

In our classroom we use sandpaper blocks. You might have some of those around so that would be great. I did find some sanding sponges that would also work.



5. **Movement tools.**

Movement activities are enhanced by scarves, ribbon sticks or paper plates. You can create your own versions of a scarf with a plastic bag, a bandana, or even a t-shirt, a piece of wrapping ribbon or hair ribbon can be tied or taped to a pencil.

6. **Soprano Recorder** (grades 4-6)

Older students (grades 4-6) will need a **soprano recorder**. If you don't have one, please contact the school. This is a **REQUIRED** item for grades 4-6 from the beginning of the year. Grade 3 students typically start recorder in January.

General Music Kit - ADD ONs

These items are **OPTIONAL** but would enhance your child's experience.

1. **A container** to hold your stuff. A small trash can or bin could also be used as a drum.

If you're using a zip bag to hold your stuff, you will need some sort of drumming container. Ideas other than a plastic trash can:

- Large yogurt container
- Powdered protein container
- Any kind of bucket
- Cardboard box

Now, if you happen to have a hand drum of some sort in your house, then you're already there!

2. **Metal instrument**

The "ting" sound is what we're looking for here so if you have something at home that gives that sort of sound, you're good to go. If not, here are some options. I've put a couple of options here but you only need **ONE** thing. Again, if you can come up with that sound from something around the house, that's awesome!



3. **Melody instrument**

If you have a **piano** or other pitched instrument, that would be just fine.

A **small glockenspiel** is relatively inexpensive.

