



Middletown Public Schools Instrumental Music Department

Dear Students, Parents and/or Guardians,

This is an exciting time as many 4th and 5th grade students start to play a musical instrument for the first time or have already started to play. First let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Mr. Greg Grispart, the Instrumental Music teacher who will be working with students from New Monmouth, Fairview, Bayview and Ocean Avenue Elementary Schools in their musical exploration on an instrument. I'm sure that there are many questions that must be coming to mind. What will band be like? What should we expect?

In order for band to function properly, you should understand there are a few expectations. I hope this letter will help clearly define for you what exactly to expect and what I expect in return.

1. You can expect me to be prepared and excited to teach you. I also expect you to be prepared for your lesson with your instrument, book, pencil and anything else I may have given you. Students who **forget** their instrument **2 times** in a marking period will receive a call home. Most importantly, I expect you to have practiced **EVERY** day, even if for only 15 minutes. By practicing every day you can expect to become an even better musician than you were before.
2. You can expect that you will learn how to read and make music in class even if you've had no previous experience playing an instrument.
3. You can expect that your lesson will be an exciting and fun environment to learn in if everyone has *practiced since the last lesson*. In order to remember what we've learned you must practice consistently! If you choose not to, the consequence will be that you will be unprepared to learn new material and most likely not have fun because you feel unprepared.
4. You can expect to learn how to manage your time by completing class assignments that you miss, completing your homework, and scheduling practice time as well as staying involved in all of your other activities.
5. You can expect that I, your music teacher, along with your classroom teachers, parents and/or guardians will communicate and work together to help you meet these expectations.

I hope that this clears up any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you grow musically this year! Please sign and return the **bottom portion only** of this letter to Mr. Grispart. If there are any questions you can email me at grispartg@middletownk12.org.

Sincerely,
Mr. Grispart

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We have read the attached letter and understand and will abide by the expectations to participate in band.

Student's Signature

Home Room Teacher

Date

Parent's Signature