

# Welcome to Music

Dear SFA Families,

Welcome to all! It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again, the start of a new school year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. I'm looking forward to another great year of music at SFA.

My philosophy is that a music class should expose a child to many different musical experiences including singing, dancing, listening, playing instruments, improvisation, composing and musical notation. Each month in my newsletter I will give a brief description of what each grade has been working on in class. Please encourage your child to share what they have learned and maybe even teach you the song, body percussion or dance. It's hard to do a hand clap pattern without a partner.

This year I am very excited to announce, that because of everyone's generosity and support at the Spring Concert and Drama Club performances last year, we were able to purchase hand drums, tubano drums, an assortment of World Music Percussion instruments and 9 Orff Xylophones and Glockenspiels for our music program. We will be utilizing all of these instruments as we incorporate the World Music Drumming Curriculum into our music classes. All of the students will be given the opportunity to use the instruments/drums in age appropriate lessons throughout the year. There will be lots of new activities planned with these instruments in mind.

Thank you in advance for your continued support and stay tuned for updates about recorders, Drama Club and our fantastic Christmas and Spring Concerts.

Musically Yours,  
Mrs. Murray

