



Hello All!

It's a New Year and it's time to bring in some new music and welcome 2024!

We will be welcoming back Mr. G, who is excited to see everyone once again!

You are welcome to take PRIVATE lessons with Mr. G during after school hours on our own premises. He is also available to do at-home lessons at your convenience. Send a text to 703-282-5002 or email to [gevangel90@gmail.com](mailto:gevangel90@gmail.com) to schedule private lessons. You can also get a chance to participate in his biannual recitals. We will be learning how to sing as a group, how to clap simple rhythms, how to use simple instruments, and how to identify different sounds. Here are a few musical activities that your children are engaged in, during their music class.

### **Musical Chairs**

A timeless classic where students walk around a circle of chairs while music is being played. When the music stops, everyone must find a seat. The person without a seat at the end of the round sits out until the end of the game. The winner is the last person standing by the end of all rounds.

### **Freeze Dance**

A fun, musical and active game where everyone dances to their favorite tune! Similar to musical chairs, once the music stops, everyone must freeze in place. Those who are caught moving during this period will be "out" until the end of the game. The dancing commences once the music starts again.

### **Clap Rap**

An engaging activity where students will listen to a short rhythm from the teacher. After each demonstration, the students will clap the same rhythm back. This is a game that's about following directions, having a good memory, and how to be musical while just clapping hands.

### **Guess the Instrument**

The teacher will play a short recording of basic instruments (like the violin, piano, guitar, drums or trumpet). For each recording the students will have to decide as a group what the instrument is. The game is played on a points system. Every time the students get it correct; they get a point. But if they get it wrong, the teacher will get 2 points. The first team to get 8 points wins the game. This is a fun game that introduces the many diverse sounds and functions of instruments, while also engaging in teamwork.

### **Singing**

Students will learn timeless classics and how to sing as a group. These songs include, Do-a-Deer, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, and This Little Light of Mine. These songs are then performed during our recitals.