

Music at Prairie Creek

Why Music?

Prairie Creek believes in the development of the whole child. Music develops skills in communication, imagination, and creative problem-solving.



John Dewey (1859-1952) believed that creative expression of emotions, imagination, and ideas is vital to the child's whole education.



Music is a social art. Students work together to make beautiful music, and each child has meaningful ideas to contribute.



What does music class look like at Prairie Creek?

The music program is developed after the Orff approach. Students experience music through speech, movement, drama, playing instruments, and singing. Carl Orff (1895-1982), like John Dewey, believed that children learn best through socialization, play, and active experience.



In music class at Prairie Creek, students play musical games, learn folk dances, improvise their own melodies, explore music from other cultures, and gain an understanding of music notation.



Through the development of musical skills, Prairie Creek aims to instill an appreciation and inclusion of music in students' lives beyond childhood.

Prairie Creek Orchestra



The Prairie Creek Orchestra will begin its *fifth* full term this year! 4/5 students are welcome to participate in the strings program regardless of level of previous experience (if any).



Learning an instrument takes time, dedication, practice, and perseverance. Being part of an orchestra cultivates important life skills such as cooperation, communication, listening, compromise, and problem solving.



Important Dates:

Friday, December 8th: Special Persons' Day

Tuesday, May 1st: May Day

Meet the Music Teacher:



Olivia Moraczewski began teaching music at Prairie Creek in February 2013. With much support and enthusiasm, she started the orchestra program at Prairie Creek in the fall of 2013.

Olivia graduated from St. Olaf College in 2012 with a degree in Music Education. Immediately afterward, she began a certification program in Orff-Schulwerk at the University of St. Thomas, which eventually led her to pursue a Master's Degree in Music Education, which she began in the summer of 2014.

In addition to teaching at Prairie Creek, Olivia holds a small studio of beginning violin and piano students in Northfield and in the Burnsville area.

Olivia currently resides in Burnsville with her husband, Andy, and their cat, Pumpkin. Olivia and Andy are expecting their first child in March.

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