

# April Music and Drama News

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## What's happening in the NCA Music and Drama classes?

**Kindergarten:** The Kindergarten students are having fun with Mrs. Jackson singing songs, acting out stories, and participating in music games. Preparation is underway for the Kindergarten graduation songs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** After several weeks of participating in singing games and musical circle games, the 1<sup>st</sup> graders are now busily preparing for their upcoming Fine Arts Fair concert on May 17. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will have their own concert this year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** The second graders are also working hard to prepare for the upcoming Fine Arts Fair concert. They're memorizing lyrics to the songs, motions, and many have speaking lines to learn. These students are very serious about sharing their love of Christ through their performance that evening.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Third graders spent the majority of third quarter learning the basics of playing the violin. They have a basic understanding of how to care for the instrument, the difference between bowing and pizzicato, and finally, how to play "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star." Now these young musicians are preparing several songs to sing and move to for the upcoming Fine Arts Fair concert.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** The fourth graders are continuing to work on recorder learning. They are preparing a song to play for the upcoming concert on May 13. Be looking for their yellow folders to come home so students can practice their part!

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Like the other elementary students, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are busy preparing for upcoming concerts. String players have a goal to get through their book by the end of the year. The choir members are diligently working on singing in harmony. The band is gaining momentum with each rehearsal. It is our hope that most of these students will continue with their music choices for next year and register for Intermediate Band, MS String Ensemble or 6<sup>th</sup> grade choir. Registration details will be coming from the office soon.

**MS Choirs:** Both the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir and Select Choir are deep in the preparation process for upcoming performances. They combined to sing in NCA's Easter Chapels this week, and will sing separately and combined in the upcoming Best of Middle School Concert on May 20. Select Choir is also preparing music for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Information about auditions for next year's Select Choir is coming soon!

**MS Bands:** Intermediate Band, Advanced Band and Jazz Ensemble will all be featured in the Best of Middle School concert. These instrumentalists have some wonderful music they are preparing for our audiences that night. Mark your calendars for May 20.

**MS Orchestra:** This group has made tremendous progress this year! They performed this week for the Easter Chapel and are working on music for Best of Middle School in May. In addition, they are practicing sight reading skills and lots of new notes. Students are learning music to play as solos and in string quartets, as well.

**MS Drama:** In drama class, students are taking an adventure in Playwriting! Each student is writing their own 5 minute play with the help of their classmates. They are learning about the elements of story and how to transform those ideas into dialogue and stage format.