



College Prep Lower School - Fine Arts
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MUSIC Matters! SPRING SINGING NEWS

Laura Taylor

In **Kinder**, students are singing songs from diverse cultures and styles, playing instruments and learning about composers from all over the world. We practice keeping the steady beat while singing our songs with different dynamics (loud/soft) and tempos (speed).

In **First Grade**, students are learning about rhythm (short and long sounds that change) and melody (the direction of music as it goes high or low) while singing songs and playing musical games from all over the world.

In **Second Grade**, students are learning how to write melodies and rhythms on music staves and how to identify different music symbols in written music. This allows them to be readers and composers of music and not just listeners. Students continue to Explore with Enthusiasm different song styles with music from around the world.

In **Third Grade**, students are working on their sight singing skills by increased reading of written music symbols. Students are practicing writing melodies with different rhythms and increasing their fluency of reading new song styles.

In **Fourth Grade**, students are identifying different music forms, creating rhythmic and melodic phrases and exploring instrument accompaniments while being introduced to more musical styles with different languages.

ALL students are learning about Texas music with a focus on Texas culture and history as well as the history and styles of blues and jazz.

I welcome your questions and comments. You may email me at ltaylor@kipphouston.org

Keep singing and making music TOGETHER!

DANCE Matters! SPRING NEWS

Gabriela Luna - Dance Director

2020 Goals for Dance- Fine Arts

- Kinesthetic awareness of self and others.
- Explain what role the human body plays in dance, and why we study it.
- Creating an environment of creativity, mindfulness, and discipline.



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ART Matters! SPRING NEWS

Douglas Reyes

Mr. Reyes is excited about 2020 as his art classes begin to transition to more challenging and exciting projects. The rigor will increase as all classes prepare to implement new art concepts never seen before and combine prior knowledge to help create their masterpieces.

Grades **Kindergarten and 1st** will continue to learn about the elements of art with an emphasis focus on shapes/forms, color, and space.

2nd grade will transition their prior knowledge to focus their attention to learning principles of art. They will develop art work that includes various forms of symmetry.

3rd and 4th grade will be looking to sharpen their creative skills by creating art that is intentional and well thought out. They will unite the elements and principles of art to create work that is genuinely personal.

Art club student will be preparing themselves for the state competition (TEAM VASE) that will be here soon. Also, they will be entering other art contests around the city of Houston to represent our love for art here at SHARP.

Upcoming Visual Art Events:

School wide rodeo art contest (three winners per grade level)
Houston Livestock and Rodeo coloring contest (3rd grade only)
Black History Month team projects (4th grade and Art Club)
Doodle for Google grades 2nd-4th.

ORCHESTRA Matters! SPRING NEWS

Zully Morales

As we start a new semester, our students will be learning and playing more challenging pieces on the violin. Ms. Morales is SO HAPPY about what they have accomplished and she is ready to keep pushing them toward their final goals for this school year.

By the end of the year **KINDERGARTEN** students will be able to read and play different rhythmic patterns using ALL every string of the violin, quarter notes and quarter rests. (book: *Essential Elements #2-9*).

By the end of the year **FIRST Grade** students will be able to position their left hand on the violin learning how to play G, F# and E on the D string. (book: *Essential Elements #10-22*).



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By the end of the year **SECOND Grade** students will be able to play D, C# and B on the A string. Students will be able to play the D scale! (*book: Essential Elements #23-36*).

By the end of the year **THIRD Grade** students will be able to play with the bow pieces which combine notes from the A and D string using harder rhythmic patterns. (*book: Essential Elements #37-65*).

By the end of the year **FOURTH Grade** students will be able to play eight and half notes using their bow, play famous children tunes and able to follow the metronome when playing. (*book: Essential Elements #66-80*).

Orchestra students will keep working on new pieces for future performances such as the *Go Texan Spirit Day* where they will be performing a new challenging piece "Hoedown" by Laura Hall.

PE Matters! SPRING NEWS

Chris Kohler

"This semester in Physical Education (PE), your child will be working on several different things. Each grade level will be learning dances they will perform during our special Go Texan Day assembly. There will be line dances, as well as partner dances.

As for the different activities and games, **Kinder and First grade** students will be focusing more on individual activities, and the **2nd, 3rd and 4th graders** will focus more on team games and activities.

Also, your child will be building their competitive spirit as we prepare for our annual Field Day event. They will be working on their relay racing skills, so they may help their team become victorious on Field Day.

While these activities and events are happening, your child will also be focusing on meeting their end-of-year goals for Push-ups, Sit-ups, and Running. Maintaining and leading a healthy, active lifestyle is the goal for each student in PE class. "