

# General Music Syllabus

## The Music Academy at Point Washington

**Ages:** Elementary (1-6 Grade)

**When:** Meets weekly Wednesday 3-4pm

**Where:** Music Suite

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**Vision:** The purpose of the General Music Class is to provide high quality general music education to elementary students within the congregation of Point Washington UMC and the surrounding community. We believe that the music classroom is a venue for personal discovery, growth, and healthy development, and that the creation of such an environment within the Music Academy furthers the mission of the UMC "... to make the love of Christ known." Students in this class will explore general music concepts such as dynamics, note values, and rhythm; will be introduced to standard classroom instruments such as hand drums, maracas, rhythm sticks, and more; will study composers, musical eras, and instrument families; and will become composers themselves by applying new skills through classroom activities!

### **MEETING DATES**

**Semester 1 Wednesdays:** 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14

**Semester 2 Wednesdays:** 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

## *ATTENDANCE*

The Music Academy at Point Washington seeks to uphold national standards for music education within the ministry of music. Our goal is to provide your child with comprehensive music education in the time that they spend with us. You will find us learning and applying new skills in every lesson, while consistently practicing and growing previously learned skills through new and engaging activities. Over the course of the year, you can expect that your child will learn much about note names and values, dynamics, and rhythm through kinesthetic learning practices that keep students engaged and excited about music-making. Along the way, they will bring home knowledge about composers, musical eras, genres, instrument families, and major compositions that will build their understanding of music as it pertains to culture, community, and individual experience. The National Standards for Music Education emphasize the importance of **creating, performing, responding, and connecting** to music at age appropriate levels in the general music classroom. We will use at least one element of that goal as the foundation for each lesson.

**Your child is encouraged to attend as many classes as possible in order to keep up with lessons and enjoy the class to its fullest.**