Guitar 7
Mercer Middle School
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Prerequisite: You must have a guitar for home practice.

Course Description: This is an elective course offering beginning instruction for the guitar. You will learn open chords, power chords, moveable chords, accompaniment techniques and a variety of playing techniques and styles including both the pickstyle and fingerstyle approaches to the guitar. The course also includes music fundamentals, theory, songs, performing, listening, composing, improvising, analyzing and learning how to read standard notation and tablature.

Goals:
1. To learn how to play chords, accompaniment and melodies on the guitar
2. To learn to read music notation, chord frames and tablature
3. To develop an understanding of music fundamentals and theory
4. To learn how to perform, write and create music
5. To learn how to analyze, describe and listen objectively to music
6. To learn how to match pitch and sing on pitch
7. To develop an understanding of music in relation to history and culture.

Evaluation:
1. Day-to-day participation, practice, attitude and effort
2. Individual playing and performance tests
3. Group performance tests
4. Successful completion of various achievement standards
5. Objective tests on the fundamentals of music
6. Maintaining a music notebook
7. Working up to your ability- based on the instructor’s evaluation of your musical aptitude
8. Full participation in after school rehearsals and concerts
Practice:

Students should practice a minimum of 20-30 minutes 4-5 days per week (or the amount necessary to master class assignments).

Required Materials:

Guitar for home use (preferably a nylon string classical), picks, tuner (or tuning app), three-hole binder, pencil with an eraser, and the method book:


Concert Schedule: April 5 at 7:00 PM (Time may vary slightly by class). MMS Auditorium.