**Beginning Guitar Class Syllabus**

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[www.chattahoocheeorchestra.com](http://www.chattahoocheeorchestra.com)

Please visit the above site for assignments, important information, and good websites for guitar students. **This is a BEGINNING guitar class.** If you are already advanced, you will need to be very patient, pleasant, and helpful or you will be removed from the class.

**GRADING**

10% Homework

25% Formative Assessments: Daily Performance Assessment, Mini-Playing Tests

25% Progress Reports: Written Classwork and Quizzes

25% Summative Assessments: Playing Tests, Solo Performances, Decade Slides and Group Performances

15% Final Exam

**Goal:** The purpose of this class is to teach the basic foundations of music through guitar technique. We will be learning the following:

1. Music Fundamentals (written work)
   1. Note reading skills
   2. Rhythm reading skills
   3. Basic musical vocabulary
2. Chording (folk, rock, and jazz styles)
   1. Strumming patterns
   2. Picking patterns
   3. Bass line accompaniments
3. Melody playing (classical style)
   1. Correct posture
   2. Correct fingering and shifting
   3. Quartet and quintet performances for the class

During this class, you will be **expected** to do the following:

1. Sing along on simple tunes (you will never have to sing alone)
2. Play passages and chord progressions **alone** *in front of the class.*
3. Play melody lines and chord progressions in small groups in front of the class
4. Be able to effectively work independently in a small group setting, without redirection, for the entire class period.

**GUITARS:**

School Guitars are available to those who need one for $25.00 a year. They may not leave the orchestra room for any reason, at any time. You will be the only one playing your guitar and you are responsible for the guitar, case, and capo. The cost for replacement is $137.00. If you have your own guitar, please bring it. You will be issued a group locker.

**Daily Pacing Guide**

Most days will follow a certain pattern.

1. Come in, get guitar, and sit in assigned seat.
2. Tune your guitar and begin practicing yesterday’s pass-off.
3. Review of yesterday’s concept/skill, then introduction of today’s new concept/skill and reveal of the new pass-off.
4. Then you will be given 15 minutes of individual practice time
5. Come up to the front of the room and perform your pass-off.

You must be self-motivated to take this class. By the end of the semester, you will be able to play almost any song we download off the internet. You will learn to read and to play by ear.

I am looking forward to a great year! Please be respectful of other guitar students and be mindful that we all learn at different paces. If you ever need additional support, I am available before and after school on Wednesdays, and Monday and Wednesday during ChattTime.

Thanks!

Ms. Buonamici