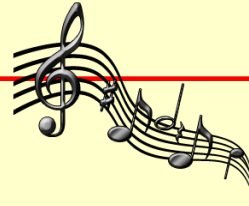


# MUSIC NEWS!



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## Notes from Second Grade Music

### What We're Learning

Our first unit in music class as second graders involves learning about basic rhythmic patterns in 6/8 time. Through simple songs and games, we will spend the first couple weeks of school getting the rhythms "in our ear." Soon, we will be able to identify rhythms we hear, and then we will be able to learn to read and write those rhythms.

**Grading:** Each activity is graded on a 4-point scale. The final grade in music class is given in a +/- basis, figured on the average of the grades. All grades are posted immediately to Infinite Campus and quarterly assessment reports will be sent home detailing our work. 4 points (+) means that a student can perform a task successfully on the first attempt. 3 points (+) means that a student can perform a task successfully with the help of the teacher. 2 points (-) means that a student was unable to successfully perform the task, even with help from the teacher.

Please visit our classroom website:  
[saddlepeakmusic.weebly.com](http://saddlepeakmusic.weebly.com) for more info!

### Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Sara Herdina is a Belgrade native. She holds a Bachelors Degree in K-12 Music Education and a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction – both from MSU – Bozeman.

Mrs. Herdina is an active singer and saxophonist in the Gallatin Valley. She enjoys skiing, biking, hiking, reading, and cooking. She and her husband, Michael, live in Belgrade with their 5-year-old son, Gabriel and their baby daughter, Rose! ☺

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Herdina at the school, or email her at [sherdina@belgradeschools.com](mailto:sherdina@belgradeschools.com).

### Concert Times!

The Second Grade Music classes will present a winter concert for our families in December. The concert will be a musical play called "An Old-Fashioned Christmas." We will begin working on our program in November. Please put these dates on the family calendar. All concerts will take place in the Saddle Peak Gym! Keep watching for more information!

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 6:00 PM**

### What We Can Do at Home

Homework will not be assigned in music class, however, there are some really fun things that you can do with music at home as a family:

- Share your favorite songs/artists with your children.
- Encourage everyone in your family to sing, even if it's only along with the radio in the car!
- Dance and move to music whenever possible.
- Second grade is a great time to begin piano, cello, or violin lessons. Please let Mrs. Herdina know if you're interested and she can help you find a teacher.

