GUITAR SYLLABUS

2020-2021

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**Course Description**: Guitar offers the student instruction in basic chords and string playing, music terms and symbols, solo and ensemble playing, and music history

**GRADING POLICY**

**Summative Assessments: 60%**

Written tests, long term playing assignments

# Formative Assessments: 40%

written and reading assignments, written quizzes, daily class instruction, playing assignments

\*Assignments may be in-class or online in the Canvas platform

**All assessments are given a deadline. Failure to take the assessment by the deadline results in a zero for the grade.**

**Description of daily class activities:** Student performance is assessed dailyduring class. Activities may include, but are not limited to, class instruction, written work, tests, quizzes, and instrument playing.

**Make-up Policy:** Dailyparticipation cannot be “made-up” due to the nature of performance activities. Written assignments and tests must be made up within five days of a student’s return to school after an excused absence.

**Class Tardy Policy:** Students are expected to adhere the Connections team policy. Being tardy will interfere with daily performance. Unexcused tardies will affect the Work Habits grade.

**MATERIALS**:

* **GUITAR:** Students will be issued a guitar regardless of having one of their own they wish to bring in and use. The student is responsible for the assigned guitar the duration of the class. **Any damage to the instrument, except for normal wear and tear, will be charged to the student**.
* **FOLDER:** Each student will need a folder for the class. The student is responsible for the upkeep of this folder. Any handouts and paper should be kept in this folder at all times.

**The student is responsible for putting notebook paper in the folder.** I will provide worksheets and a book for the student to keep in the folder. A well-kept folder is a student’s best friend when it is time to study for a test.

**CHECK OUT POLICY:**

Guitars may be checked out at 3:20 each day if the student wishes to practice at home. **The student is responsible for any damage incurred while in the student’s possession.** Guitars are to be returned each morning before homeroom. Failure to return the guitar prohibits the student from class practice, therefore, two days of failing to return the instrument will keep the student from checking out the guitar again.

**Please sign and return to Mrs. Townsend by Wednesday**

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Student Name –Please Print Period

Parents: Please initial each statement to show you have read them and sign below that you understand and will support the syllabus guidelines and expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I have read the syllabus and agree to uphold the guidelines set forth for the Guitar class.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a guitar is being provided for my student at no charge.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the school instrument may be taken away if my student is mishandling it, and that I may opt for my student to do written work in place of playing, or to provide another instrument for my student to play.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the assigned guitar and book is my student’s responsibility throughout the course, and that any damages incurred, including but not limited to broken pieces and broken guitars, will be placed as holds on the student’s account. These holds will not be removed until the damages are paid for or the instrument is replaced, whichever is deemed necessary.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mother’s Work/Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Father’s Work/Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Guitars will be issued upon receipt of this signed syllabus.**

##### Moses Middle School Music Appreciation/ Guitar

##### *Student Guidelines and Information*

1. Students are expected to be on time for class.
2. Be respectful of the room and all equipment.

* Gum, food, drinks and candy are not acceptable in class. Do not bring food or drinks other than water into the chorus room. Students are welcome to have sealed containers with **water** at their seat.
* Consider the piano, stereo and office phone not available unless given permission from the director. Any kind of property defacing is inappropriate and will not be tolerated.
* Do not sit on the tables.

1. Come to class ready to **work** daily.

* Have folder/pencil in hand, perform as requested in all class activities.
* Students fail to earn daily work habits points by talking, not being seated when class starts, having food/gum/drinks, lacking proper materials, lack of cooperation or showing insubordination. There is never a reason to be doing other schoolwork or reading while in class.
* Bring a smile and a positive attitude each day!

1. Each day: Dispose of your gum when you come to class, put book bags and purses under your chair, have your folder and pencil out, and be in your assigned seat when class begins.
2. Be considerate and respectful of the teacher and other class members. Raise your hand for questions. Ask permission before leaving your seat. Do not talk during class but rather be a good listener. Good listeners are GREAT students!
3. Students are expected to consistently display behavior that reflects favorably upon MMS. Profanity is **never** tolerated. Show dignity and respect for yourself, your class, and school by your character and conduct. Don’t settle for less than this in class or in your life!
4. Meeting and exceeding standards in any class requires commitment, sacrifice, responsibility and effort. Students who exemplify such qualities are the backbone of the MMS. Students who demonstrate excellence will earn consideration when awards are to be given. “Excellence” includes outstanding performance, effort, attitude, responsibility, cooperation, attendance and punctuality.
5. ***The teacher shall have authority to suspend or amend any policy at any time deemed necessary in the best interest of the overall class.***