



Group Classes for 2011-2012

Calendar and Birthdays

- Sept. 26 Monday Lessons
- Sept 28th Group Class
- October 1st Achievement Award Sign up Deadline
- Nov 5th AIM Technique/Sight Reading Evaluation
- Nov 12 Patriotic Ensemble Recital
- December 1st Studio Festival Sign Up Deadline
- December 9th Winter Recital

Group classes are scheduled on September 28th and I want to talk about them in this article so you will know what the plans for the year will be

There are five group classes scheduled each year. All Group Classes this year will be on Wednesdays to try and keep things as consistent as possible. I know I have had them on Tuesdays the week of Thanksgiving, but this

seemed to cause more confusion than it helped so I decided to just keep all group classes on the same day, Wednesday and at the same times for all groups. During the week of group classes, there are no regular lessons. The only exceptions to this are **Sept 26** and **Nov 21**. These two Mondays allow Monday lessons to get the same number of lessons as everyone else.

This year, I was very lucky and over half my students were prepared to sign up for AIM. Because of that, I will base a portion of each group class on preparation for the AIM program and the groups were partially created based on the leveling for AIM. Because of the leveling for AIM I need you to come to the classes you are assigned to come to. If this causes a great inconvenience, I need you to contact me

Mission: Music:

I hope you have had a chance to look over the new incentive program for the year. It's very different from last year and, I think, a lot of fun. Each student has chosen a continent to begin on and has three cities with a musical challenge to work on. As I write this newsletter I would say about half have com-

pleted at least one city, and some have even completed two of the three cities on their first continent! Some of the challenges are hard, some not so bad and some that they thought would be big, bad and scary weren't that way at all. One thing I have been very pleased with is their response to earning money. I have implemented the theory

books and most have done very well. Please check with your child and see how they are doing with keeping up with their theory work. It earns them \$\$\$ every week. Also look in their binders and learn how the Mission: Music program works!



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and make other arrangements. If you need to cancel or arrange schedules for just one group class day, I NEED TO HAVE 24 HOUR NOTICE IN ORDER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EACH CLASS.

In addition to preparing for the AIM evaluations we will be studying about music in different cultures as part of our Mission: Music activities. If any of you have musical instruments or items from Asia, Africa, South America or Australia that you might be willing to demonstrate or share with our groups, please let me know.

Here are the group classes and times for this year

Group 1 3:00 - 3:50

1. Emma
2. Alexis
3. Michael
4. Melvin
5. Hayden
6. Luke
7. Carsen
8. Addie
9. Jarom
10. Kaitie
11. Hudson

Group 2 4:00 - 4:50

1. Conor
2. Riley
3. Regan
4. Lexia
5. Caiden
6. Preston

7. Joelle
8. Cameo

Group 3 5:00 - 5:50

1. Nikayla
2. Mikelle
3. Sydney
4. Reagan
5. Austin
6. Abigail
7. Diana
8. Savannah
9. Sarah
10. Hannah
11. William