

# **Music Appreciation/Piano Lab**

## **Course Description**

### **Mrs. Anne Rutt - Instructor**

Welcome to your foreign language class in music! Did you know that music is its own foreign language that only 2% of the world's population (that's about 140 million people) can read, write and play? Music Appreciation/Piano Lab is a 12 week elective class designed to teach reading (and when in-person also playing) music.

In Piano Lab/Music Appreciation students will learn about music notation (rhythm and pitch), music theory, and music history. If we get a chance to meet in person students will even get a chance to try out their new musical knowledge in the school's piano lab!

There will be music handouts, worksheets, graphs, music listening logs and test/quizzes. Tests will be written (or also playing piano, if we get to meet in-person during their trimester of this class). Students will also be expected to please neatly keep any handouts for reference in a section of their school binder that they designate just for their elective class, and have a working pencil with an eraser (we do not use pen in music). We use worksheets and handouts re-enforce learning. At home piano-practice is not required as we recognize that not everyone has access to a piano at home, but at home studying of material covered is expected, especially in preparation for tests.

With the skills you will gain in Music Appreciation/Piano Lab, we hope this will spark a love of music. As a 7th grader in Music Appreciation/Piano Lab, the skills your students gain will help prepare them if they choose to try band in 8th grade. Feel free to talk to me about your future musical goals by emailing me at my [new email](#):

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Or drop by my virtual office hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:45-2:30pm

and Wednesdays and Fridays 7:45am-8:30am

Welcome to Music Appreciation/ Piano Lab! I hope you have a wonderful time!