

Guitar 1

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Course Description:

Guitar I is offered to the student who wishes to learn how to play the acoustic guitar for his/her own personal growth. Designed for students who have no previous musical experience, Guitar I will focus on teaching the basics of music and guitar playing, including, reading notes and rhythms, notes on the guitar strings, proper finger technique, care and maintenance of the musical instrument, and basic music theory. Formal performances are not required for this class

Materials Needed:

- Student Planner
- Binder
- Paper
- Pencil
- Charged iPad

Grading Procedures *(Please review OLCHS Student Handbook, pg. 5):*

<u>Scale:</u>	A = 90 – 100	<u>Coursework Grade Breakdown:</u>	
	B = 80 – 89	Performance Tests	30%
	C = 70 – 79	Participation	25%
	D = 60 – 69	Written Tests	15%
	F = 59 and below	Homework	10%
		Final Exam	20%

Grading Procedures

As a student of Guitar I, you are being provided with a guitar and book for the semester. The guitar must stay at school. The book, however, may be taken home for study purposes since you purchased it. If you lose your book, you will be required to purchase it. It is very important that the guitar be handled with care. While guitars are not in use, they are to be in the designated cradle. The guitar is your responsibility at all times while Broken strings or damage of any kind to a guitar should be reported to the teacher immediately at the start of class. Students will be held responsible for any damage to their guitar that occurs for reasons other than normal wear and tear.

Classroom Management:

- **RESPECT:** It is very important that we respect each other. Music is a great opportunity for students to express themselves, and it is important that everyone feels comfortable in the classroom. Any negative comments or inappropriate behaviors will not be tolerated. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to talking at inappropriate times, being disruptive, making negative comments towards someone or their musical ability, or destruction of school property.
- **Class Time:** Class begins when the bell rings. Students are expected to have their book and be in the classroom by the time the bell rings. **Cell phones should not be visible at any time.** Students who have their cell phones out in class will have them taken away and they can be retrieved at the end of the day
- **Hall Passes/Sign-In Sheet:** Please use the bathroom and stop at the drinking fountain before class. You must sign in and out on the class sign-in sheet when entering or leaving the room during class. Make sure to also write down the date and time for your protection.
- **Attendance:** Because most of the work is done in the classroom with the guitars, it is crucial that you attend class. You will receive *5 participation points* each day for being on time, having your class materials, and fully participating in the daily class activities. Excessive absences will negatively affect the participation portion of your grade. In addition, students who have unexcused absences will not be able to receive credit for work that they missed that day. It is your responsibility to see me concerning make-up work for excused absences. If you know that you will be absent, please get your assignment BEFORE the absence.
- **Make-up/Late Work:** Make-up work is due the day following your return to school unless other arrangements are made with me. For each day an assignment is late, the assignment will drop one letter grade.
- **Teacher Assistance:** I am available before and after school for students who need extra assistance in the class. Please see me to schedule an appointment.
- **iPads:** iPads should be used as instructed by the teacher. Using the iPads for anything besides school work will result in possible removal of access of certain apps and restricted internet availability.