

2020-21 School Year 3rd Grade Elective Track Course Descriptions

Strings:

In Vista's 3rd grade beginning strings class, students have the exciting opportunity to explore performance on the violin/viola/cello/bass. This class is an introduction to the string family. Third graders will learn the proper violin/viola/cello/bass set-up, bow hold and correct left and right hand technique. Students will learn the different parts of the violin/viola/cello/bass and bow and how to read the treble/alto/bass clef. There will be opportunities for performance. Students will be exposed to the positive energy and confidence building that music brings into their lives through study and performance and the academic benefits that come from learning a musical instrument. Vista will provide an instrument for each student to use at school but please know that, to insure the proper size for each student (especially viola/cello/bass), it is strongly suggested that rental of an instrument be considered for home practice as well, ensuring your child every opportunity to progress at a much faster rate. Research shows that when a child starts out with the "right sized" instrument, they are more likely to continue with that instrument for years to come. This class will prove to be a very real investment in your child's future in more ways than you can imagine! Welcome to Vista's String World!

Dance/Theater:

Children love to move and need to move. They learn through engagement of whole self. The power of dance and theater education inherently promotes within students lifelong learning, complex learning, effective communication, compassion, aesthetic awareness, collaboration skills, responsible citizenship and career readiness. The purpose of this third grade dance/theater course is to focus on learning through movement that develops bodily skill and kinesthetic awareness. Through movement activities and dance technique, the student will develop an understanding of time, space, and energy. This class will also emphasize the creative process, development of artistic insight, and individual expression. Lastly, students will be introduced to how dance and theater fit into one's own life, the lives of others, and other historical and cultural perspectives that connect humanity.