

# Three Glockenspiels for Jefferson Elementary

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**NPS Building:** Jefferson Elementary School

**Amount Requested:** \$472.50

**Evaluation/Measureable Result:** Students are always working with the seven elements of music; tone, rhythm, melody, harmony, timbre, form and dynamics. Orff instruments are versatile so it is possible for students to learn about all seven elements with them. The auditory and visual feedback from playing the instrument helps the student correct an incorrect beat, incorrect melody or direction of a glissando. As the teacher, I am more easily able to assess a student's understanding of musical concepts if the student is playing an instrument. If there are several Orff instruments in a classroom, students have more opportunities to actively engage in making music.

Another item music students are assessed on is actively participating, when the class activity involves playing instruments, it is easier to see and hear who is actively participating. Students are able to hear and see each other actively participating. This will help reinforce any student who is struggling to be able to hear and play with others. Students should receive many opportunities to learn concepts. There is always something easier or more difficult to play with music. As students advance or not, Orff instruments give students an opportunity to play at their level with a variety of possibilities.

One of the ways to share information about the classroom is through media. Twitter is an excellent platform to share lessons and activities with parents and families.

Another opportunity to share with others is the concert. A big goal for next year is to play the Orff instruments at the concert for the community to see. The addition of the glockenspiels would be a big help to accomplish that goal.

**Itemized Budget:** Sonor Primary AGP-1 Alto Glockenspiel -\$150

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Shipping and handling -\$22.50

**Project Summary:** Sonor Primary AGP-1 Alto Glockenspiel x 3 for the music classroom.

**Timetable and Plan:** Currently, Jefferson has four Orff instruments and the grant would be adding three additional instruments that will compliment the others. Students take turns playing on the instruments. With class sizes varying from 22-30 students, more Orff instruments are needed. The Orff instruments enhance the musical learning of all students in many different ways. Students routinely use the Orff instruments for a variety of musical activities.

The glockenspiels will be implemented the first week of class and will continue to be used for many years.

**Teacher Comments:** Here is a video link of an Orff instrument lesson that I taught at BelAir using four glockenspiels. The lesson's focus is music or sound going up or down. The poem works with steady beat. I am able to see and hear if the students are proficient playing up and down.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Qb8GBhRkIk>

20 Important Benefits for Music Education Link

<http://www.nafme.org/20-important-benefits-of-music-in-our-schools/>