

Flowery Branch Elementary : MusIQ Club

Ms. Jan Keller has been teaching elementary music close to Atlanta, Georgia for over 25 years. She initially purchased Children's Music Journey software for her granddaughter and two months later purchased the teacher guidance to see if this would be valuable for her school. Four years later the school has upgraded to a lab of 15 stations with the full software suite, and all 650 students in this school now receive the amazing benefits of a high quality instrumental music education, details below.

"The Adventus Piano Software Programs, Children's Musical Journey and Premier Piano Suite have been used in our school for the last four years. We have approximately 650 students in our school who use our Piano Lab with the Adventus Software. The musical skill level of our students has drastically improved. We have students who are playing piano from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Students have learned music history and have acquired a large listening repertoire as well as musical skills.

Our Kindergarten students learn Middle C hand position and learn to move around within that position in various ways. Their favorite way is playing Stepping Stones where they see if they can identify the notes and safely cross the river to the other side without missing a note. Our first graders learn to read both left and right-hand positions and learn to identify grown up quarter notes, half notes and dotted half notes. Our second graders move from Children's Musical Journey into Piano Suite. They are reading notes in the Bass Clef and Treble Clef. Our third graders work even harder to improve their skills and their scores in Piano Suite. They are learning how to recognize note values and practice often with the Notes and Timing in Piano Suite. They are trying really hard to play with both hands moving in Level 2. The immediate feedback that they receive from the scoring components within Piano Suite are motivating and challenging to the students. They record their scores and are constantly trying to get 100% on each song. Our fourth and fifth graders continue in level 2 and try really hard to get into level 3. Their favorite song to master is Fur Elise by Beethoven.

We move on from just piano and add the guitar and drums in the 4th and 5th grade classes. The musical background and the skills that the students have gained helps them to be confident as we add chordal playing skills and play keyboards, guitars and drums together on some classic rock and roll pieces.

Our students have benefitted greatly from having access to the Adventus Programs. I'm certain that their skills in reading and in mathematics have improved as well from the benefits that the early piano and musical opportunities have provided for them. They love music and they love playing the piano.

Having the Adventus Software and the Piano Lab in our school makes my job much easier. I feel that we are learning a real life skill and a benefit through an opportunity that many of our students would otherwise never have. We are very pleased and plan to continue the program for a long time.

Thanks!"

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