

# Music

Students in Grades K-5 enjoy an energetic and well-rounded weekly music class with Mr. Sadlowski. This program engages students at their educational level to further their enjoyment and understanding of music. Through the use of instruction, entertaining games, examples, and ultimately experience, students are guided through the “8 Elements of Music” throughout the course of an academic year.

## The 8 Elements of Music include:

- Rhythm - the duration of a sound or pitch, combined within a Tempo and Beat
- Melody - a series of pitches that are arranged to create the primary tune of a song
- Harmony - the use of two or more “voices” performed together to form chords
- Timbre - the unique sound quality or “coloring” of an instrument’s pitch
- Dynamics - more than just the volume of music, dynamics imply feeling
- Texture - the number and arrangement of instruments that create the “heaviness” of music
- Form - the order and structure of music
- Tonality - the overall sound of music: major vs. minor, pleasant vs. dissonant

At Embers, we employ all these elements in fun and constructive ways where students are able to get a hands-on experience and time to learn what musicianship is all about. These elements are put to use in our Annual Christmas Concert and our weekly Mass Choir, where individual grades take turns serving as Music Ministers.

