Lake Shore Public Schools---Kennedy Middle School

**Music Exploratory Syllabus 2015-2016**

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**Course Objective:** General Music is the study of music appreciation, theory, history, and performance. Subject matter will include singing with others, instrumental performances, composition, music notation, theory, analyzing and evaluating music and connecting music to history and culture. General music students will engage in group projects, movement activities, listening exercises, and various forms of interactive learning. Above all else, the goal is to introduce you to music you may not know well, and help you learn more about the music you are already familiar with.

**A Typical Day:** Our class will begin with writing in our music journal. Each day, Mrs. Perryman will play a song, and your job is write a response. Then we will discuss the song. We will then discuss the song and what you thought of it. The rest of the class will be geared toward the topic we are currently studying. These could include music theory, history, performance and appreciation.

**Required Materials:** Students need to have a music journal, folder and pencil in EVERY CLASS. Students should also bring any current hand outs or work.

**Grading:** Students will be graded daily on both their music journals and participation. There will also be class work given. Any class work not completed then becomes homework, due at the BEGINNING of class the following day. Students will also have quizzes, tests and group projects throughout the trimester.

**Points Given:**

Participation 5 pts/day, 25 pts/week

Handouts 10 pts

Quizzes and Tests 20-50 pts

Projects and Performances 50-100 pts

**Extra Credit Opportunities**: If at any point a student wants extra credit, they may attend a musical performance. They should bring the program from the performance signed by a parent and a short, one paragraph response to the performance.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact me. Email generally works best, but I will return phone calls as quickly as possible.