


# Moore Musical Moments

Schools in Texas are charged (by law) to teach specific skills. This list of objectives has been labeled TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills). Music has its own set of TEKS. They fall under the following strands of study:

- Music Literacy
  - The student describes and analyzes musical sound.
  - The student reads, write and reproduces musical notation.
- Creative Expression
  - The student performs a varied repertoire (songs from diverse cultures, folk songs, seasonal songs).
  - The student creates and explores new musical ideas.
- Historical and Cultural Relevance: The student examines music in relation to history and cultures.
- Critical Evaluation and Response. The student listens to, responds to, and evaluates music and musical performances.


As I look over this list, I am struck by the fact that only one subset of one strand requires musical training to teach. So much of this list can be taught by anyone. I am daily grateful that Mansfield ISD has committed to hiring music specialists to teach music. This is not true for all Texas schools. As a result of this district policy, I have the gift and privilege of teaching and working with your children an hour a week. With that said, you, as parents, grandparents, and guardians have so much influence. Every time you turn on the radio, hear music in the store, or go to a concert you, have an opportunity to model and engage your child in musical learning. There are no prerequisites to sing in the car or to dance to the radio. With resources like YouTube and Pandora you can explore music from around the world. Talk about your musical preferences. Give your child the opportunity to form their own musical opinions. Just include music every day in your life.

## Acrostic Poetry



**Definition:**


- The first letters of each line form a word or message relating to the subject
- The letters of the subject written vertically
- Each line begins with a word or phrase that starts with that letter
- Does not have to rhyme
- Simple, based upon one word



**Example:**

Music

**M**y head is full of rhythm  
**U**ntil I can barely sit still  
**S**ee me move to the beat  
**I**t does the same for others  
**C**an you feel the magic of music?



## Music Calendar

- February 28** - Parent University
- March 6** - Spring Choir Begins
- March 23** - Community Barn Dance
- April 3** - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade presents at PTA
- April 7** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade trip to Ballet
- April 18** - Westside Picnic at Legacy HS
- May 1** - Choir presents at PTA
- May 15** - Mansfield Elementary Choir Festival
- End of the Year** - Kindergarten program



## Recorders For purchase

I am not selling recorders, but if you would like to purchase one for your child, you can find them at...

**West Music**

[www.westmusic.com](http://www.westmusic.com)

**1-800-397-9378**

Harmony by West Music WM2400  
3-Piece Recorder w/Standard  
Fingering  
Brand: Harmony  
Item: 400278

**\$2.59**

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Buy  
Happiness,  
But you can  
buy an  
instrument  
and that is  
the same  
thing.*

## Parent University

February 28, 5:30-7:00

# Adventures In "Being Musical"

## MUSIC

Music  
Art, harmony  
Composing, tuning, singing  
Sound, melody, rock, sensation  
Fading, ending, dying  
Calm, still  
Silence

