

Dear parents,

I am looking forward to working with your children in the ES Chorus “workshop” this year! I plan to start this next Tuesday, October 6. And we hope to continue through November 24.

Given the unusual circumstances this year, I thought you might want to know my plan:

- Children are to stay in classrooms and eat an after school snack until about 3:20, when bus children are dismissed. Then I will call for the Chorus kids and I will walk them up to the gym, six feet apart and wearing masks--all ages.
- Children will be given a seating arrangement in the gym, with doors open--older kids in back and younger kids in front. (I'll give them some freedom within these parameters!) All six feet or more apart--we can easily do more than six feet. I'll get someone to write down the seating order.
- 20-30 minutes of directed movement to music, focusing on rhythmic concepts, musical expressive elements, quick reaction games, games that relate movement to listening, etc. The children will be allowed to move all over the gym as long as they avoid physical contact with each other. They may come in close proximity to each other, but only for a few seconds--that's why I'm requiring masks.
- 5-10 minutes of sitting in their “spots” with individual notebooks with a sheet or two of activities/games related to the rhythmic and musical movement we just did and examples for sightsinging.
- 5-10 minutes of singing warmups and starting work on the songs in the notebook.
- If weather permits, finish rehearsal outside in parking lot beside the lunchroom, with keyboard. Singing in masks and spread out. If weather doesn't permit, we'll stay in gym and do more singing and moving. We'll make sure there's no more than about 15-20 minutes of singing inside since we're not able to have air filters in the gym.
- Dismissal to parents. And I do still have a plan for the “candy basket” each week for certain groups!

NEED TO BRING:

- Snack for after school
- Mask to be kept on throughout rehearsal
- Towel or cushion if desired for sitting on concrete in parking lot
- jacket

AND I WILL NEED A MOM TO HELP! There can be a different mom each week or the same one for the whole eight weeks.

The \$35 fee for the eight week program will be billed to your school account. Any questions or concerns, please let me know! I am so looking forward to working with your children again!

Sincerely,
Marie Masincup

