

Music 2020: October Instruments

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for sending in instruments with your child! So far, we have enjoyed using rhythm sticks and shakers to learn about steady beat, rhythm, and dynamics.

Below, I will provide details about the two instruments we will be creating and using next. Your child's shaker and two sticks should already be at school. **If your child does not have rhythm sticks and shakers yet, please send them in, as we will continue to use them this year (complete description and creative suggestions provided on the next page).**

If you happen to have the instruments already, you may send them in, but most instruments should be homemade. If you have extra supplies and would like to donate them for others, please send them along and I will sanitize and redistribute them. Your generosity to our program is always appreciated! Likewise, if you cannot find an item, just let me know and I will try to help.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at andrea.dias@nbed.nb.ca. Please include your child's grade level and school in the subject line of the email.

For the week of October 26:

Please send your child to school with:

- **(For all grades) A small hand drum:** A tupperware container, a sturdy box, or an ice cream container would work perfectly for this purpose. It should be large enough that students would be able to tap both the top and sides of the drum.
- **(Kindergarten-Grade 2): Scarf:** This should be fairly small (approximately handkerchief sized) and very lightweight - we will use it to explore timbre, improve coordination, and respond to music through dance!
- **(Grade 3-5): Tennis Ball** - or any ball that is a similar size, and bounces with with the application of a similar pressure.

The instruments should be sturdy, and may be decorated if you wish.

Best wishes,

Andrea Dias 

The Completed Kit Will Include:

- Sand blocks (pool noodles work great, and are on sale right now!)
- Shaker
- Hand Drum
- Rhythm Sticks
- Beat Board (to tap - like a container top or cutting board)
- Small scarf (light weight for moving to music - about 1'x1' or 2'x2')
- Jingle Bells
- 2 Plastic Plates (picnic plates)
- Tennis Ball
- Cups for cup songs (Grade 3-5)



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If you have not already done so, please send your child to school with:

- **A large zip-lock bag** (roughly 12"X 15"), with the student's name printed clearly on the front.
- **Rhythm Sticks (2)**
 - Homemade rhythm sticks could be made from dowel rods, popsicle sticks, chopsticks, pens and pencils with blunted edges, or two straight sticks found in nature. You can choose any sticks that make a pleasing sound when struck! We will be reading a book called "Max Found Two Sticks" this week, to inspire our creativity.
- **A Shaker**
 - An egg shaker could be made from a Kinder egg container and rice, or a small Tupperware container and popcorn kernels, or a tiny box and dried beans.