

Beginner Guitar Level 1
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By the end of the semester you will be able to:

- Read, Write, and Perform traditional music notation and chord symbols on the Guitar
- Demonstrate the correct position for holding and playing the guitar
- Play basic melodies and accompaniments on the guitar
- Identify Guitar Anatomy
- Play chords from a Lead Sheet
- Play Basic Chord Progressions
- Write and Identify Music Theory Concepts as they apply to the Guitar
- Properly play both "Finger Style" and flat picking

Grading:

65%: PLAYING PROFICIENCIES/ASSESSMENTS/TESTS/QUIZZES: *In order to assess your skill building we will complete individual playing assessments. Other Tests/Quizzes will be either written or interactive on the Smart Board. Included in this category is your daily participation grade Effective Use of Classroom Practice Time*

15%: CLASSWORK: *Written and interactive on the Smart Board.*

10%: HOMEWORK: *Homework consists of worksheets, written assignments or home-internet based activities.*

10% QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT: *Your quarterly assessment will be either written and/or interactive on the smart board; Your playing quarterly will be a percentage of assignments for the quarter completed. For example, if you complete all the assigned playing assessments, you receive 100% on your playing portion of your quarterly.*

Materials & Procedures:

- When you arrive, store your phone in your backpack, and place your backpack under a table or behind the risers unless the agenda on the board indicates that we will be using your cell phones as part of the lesson. Always check the agenda when you arrive.
- Each student will use a school guitar. These are stored in the band room. You get a guitar and a music stand at the start of class. Always put the guitar flat on the floor if you need to leave your chair. If you break it, you will have to pay to replace it.
- You may bring your own guitar, but it must be transported in a case or a gig bag. **Do not** bring a guitar to school **without** a case or gig bag.
- Always bring a pencil and pen to class with you. Colored pencils and highlighters are also helpful.
- Each student **must have a separate binder (any color is fine) for guitar class.** ½" to 1" wide is recommended. This must be with the student at EVERY CLASS. Organize into index tabs as follows:

Articles and Handouts

Chord Reference

Note Reading

Lead Sheets ("Jam Songs")

Ensemble Pieces

- There is a \$15 lab fee for the semester. This goes towards purchasing replacement strings, print music and equipment for the class. This will be due by **Friday, September 14, 2018** along with your syllabus acknowledgement signed by you and your parents. Please make checks payable to AHS.

General Stuff:

- You will feel so much better about your progress in Guitar if you attend school regularly. Absences work against skill building.
- Do not ask to go to the lavatory or anywhere else in the building unless it is a TRUE emergency. Go before attendance is taken.
- Bring your own picks. We have some available at 25 cents each.
- You may wish to purchase a "Snark Tuner," and a Capo. (Amazon.com, Musicians' Friend, Guitar Stores, etc.)
- Always bring a **nail clipper** with you as well.
- The basic skills you will learn in this class can be applied to any genre of music. Please be patient with yourself and give yourself enough repetitions and time to acquire each skill.

Tear this side off and return with your \$15 lab fee (checks payable to AHS)

Student Name _____

Please read, sign, and return this sheet and your \$15 lab fee to instructor by Friday, September 14, 2018.

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations for this Guitar course. I understand that the student is responsible to return all borrowed materials in the same condition in which they were received.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) Date

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers

Parent/Guardian E-mail address

Student E-mail address

Student Signature Date