

Choir Parent Letter

January 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Elementary Kids Choir, Spring 2010! I am thrilled that your child is interested in singing and look forward to helping him/her grow in vocal confidence and ability this semester. To help me get to know your child better, please fill out the Singer Profile Sheet if this is your first time in my choir. Those students returning from last semester do not need to fill out a new form for me.

Please have your child bring to class on the first day a two-pocket portfolio (no prongs) made of durable plastic in ROYAL BLUE. Target carries these right now for 97 cents each by Innovative. You can find them in the office/school supplies aisle. This does not have to be the brand, however. Any two-pocket portfolio made of durable plastic in royal blue will do.

My goals for each student in this class is that he/she will:

- 1) Learn the basics of good singing: posture, breathing, pitch, diction
- 2) Learn to sing freely and with a pure tone
- 3) Develop enough independence in singing to be able to sing in harmony
- 4) Appreciate their voice as a gift from the Lord to be used for His glory not our own
- 5) Love to sing both now and for the rest of their lives!

With these goals in mind, each class period begins with vocal warm-ups using either a vocalise or an easy, fun song, followed by a brief time of technical instruction and exercises. The bulk of our time we are singing, of course.

My expectations for your child are to:

- 1) Attend class regularly, and let me know in advance if you must be gone.
- 2) Maintain good behavior in class. While choir is fun, it is not play time, and we have a lot to cover each hour.
- 3) Memorize songs as I ask them to. I will occasionally email you to let you know what songs I want memorized.
- 4) Bring a water bottle to class. It's important to keep one's vocal cords hydrated while singing.
- 5) Participate in class and approach singing with joy!
- 6) Perform with the choir in the end of semester program.

I am also planning to take the choir to sing at a skilled nursing center in April. I will let you know the details as soon as I get them worked out. This will not be a required activity, but I would encourage as many choir members as possible to participate. Half the fun of learning a new song is being able to bless others by singing for them.

I believe we're in for a great time this semester! Please don't hesitate to call me at home (682-0525) or email me (andersonrs4@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or concerns.

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