Introduction to Guitar/Intermediate Guitar

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Goals:

The Guitar class meets daily for one semester. The class will include:

- basic guitar playing techniques and styles strumming, fingerpicking, melodies, chords;
- learning to play songs;
- reading music notation, chords and tablature;
- basic Music theory;
- Guitar history;
- The care and feeding of your guitar;
- Choosing a guitar;
- The class goal is that each student will develop a lifetime interest and skill in playing the guitar.
- This class will be taught on multiple levels at the same time in order to accommodate the beginner, intermediate and experienced player.

Student responsibilities:

- 1. Attendance and participation at all classes.
- 2. Completion of all in-class or homework assignments.
- 3. Regular practice at home.
- 4. Performance in front of the class, either individual or as part of a small group.
- 5. Intermediate/advanced students will also be responsible for assisting beginners in class.

Grading:

- 1. This class receives 1/2 academic credit per semester.
- 2. Class attendance, punctuality and participation 5 points per day
- 3. Classwork/Homework as assigned, usually 10-50 points each
- 4. Performance assessments 100 points each

Equipment:

- 1. A school guitar will be assigned to each student who needs one. <u>Students may use their own guitar</u>. BUT they are responsible to have it in class each day.
- 2. School guitars may be taken home for practice, but MUST be returned to school for class the next day!
- 3. Each student will be responsible for the care of their assigned guitar and other accessories.
- 4. The student and his/her family are responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement of their school-assigned guitar and accessories if they are damaged, destroyed or stolen.