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Chicago Center
for Music Education

ChiME Weekly

At the Chicago Center for Music Education (ChiME) we provide an exceptional music education to a diverse community as a path for social, emotional, and character development.

"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."

Aristotle

The Path to Self-Assessment

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**Social, Emotional,
and Character**



When faced with studying for a test, whether it is in math, science, or any other subject, one of the first things students need to be able to do is to understand the essence, the most important components of the material being studied. We can't even begin to prepare to study for an exam if we don't know what we need to study and what exactly we need to show that we understand. This is where study guides and end-of-chapter questions are of great use: the teacher or authors of the textbook point out the most important facts that need to be retained by students. Those are usually the points that are then tested on the exam. If students take those study guides to heart, they are often able to predict some of the questions that will be asked on the test. Many can also tell how well they know and understand the material and how ready they are to answer potential questions. Success in taking tests is often tied to this ability to self-assess.

Music teachers at ChiME focus on a student's ability to self-assess from a very early point in lessons and classes. From an early point, great music teachers will use both advocacy (telling the student what to do) and inquiry (asking the student for his perspective). But questions from the teacher are not always limited to only assess whether the student knows the material; many times the teacher wants to know whether the student understands the concept well enough and deeply enough to be able to assess himself. From the earliest time in lessons, the focus of the teacher is the student's understanding of what the

Development

Self-confidence
Listening
Patience
Respect
Perseverance
Self-expression
Problem Solving
Set, work toward, and
achieve goals
Discipline
Self-assessment
Giving back
Collaboration
Empathy
Quality standards
Pro-activity
Motivation

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 31

1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm

Halloween Recitals

Tuesday, November 10

Fall Session B begins!

ChiME Wishlist

- **Wireless speakers to play music in the family room**
- **Storage organizers for our instruments in Spero Performance Hall**
- **Fun artwork for the**

expectation is, and then his ability to judge whether or not he is meeting the expectation.

How can we as teachers and parents help students become more aware of the fact that once they master a skill, they have all the tools to know if they are doing something the right way? How can we help them be more aware of their ability to self-assess even early on, even when they are learning simple concepts? How can we help them make the connection between learning to self-assess in music lessons and being able to self-assess in other areas of life?

walls

- Full-sized electric guitar
- Overhead projector

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ChiME's New Partners



Our in-schools program has been providing music education in various schools in the Chicago area since 1986. We serve students from preschool to 6th grade via three different curricula, but always with the same goal in mind: to help them develop into beautiful human beings through participation in musical activities. This week we welcome two new schools to the ChiME family: Budlong Elementary and Bennett Day School will begin music classes for their students this week. We couldn't be more excited!

Practice Challenge



We hope you have joined us in the 50-Day Practice Challenge that started on October 1. If you missed the start date, you can still join us and do fewer days or extend the challenge beyond November 19, the official end date of the challenge. Keep us posted on your progress and remember - we will share your success with other ChiME families to celebrate everyone's accomplishments!

Enjoy your practicing!

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