

Ukulele 1

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What is this class about?

Ukulele 1 is a step-by-step user-friendly interactive approach to the soprano, concert, and tenor ukulele that is fun, yet challenging. **Please no baritone ukuleles.** There is a classroom set of ukuleles for individual use. Students play music immediately. Ear-training, note reading and visualization are used as tools to help develop confidence and learn simple solos and group pieces. Students will learn how to read music, chords and tablature. Styles of music will vary throughout the semester with an emphasis on technique. Knowledge of music basics will be helpful, but will also be taught during the semester.

Grading

Daily Participation, Preparedness, Assignments, and Engagement	30%	Daily Participation and Assignments are the keys to getting a good grade. Essentially, demonstrate that you are working on the assigned task and you will earn these points.
Playing Tests	25%	There are playing tests every Wednesday we have class. This is to make sure you are progressing your skills and staying on track.
Skills Tests	25%	Skills Tests are monthly and summarize what content you have learned.
Final Exam	20%	The written final exam

General Rules

- ✓ Treat everyone fairly in our room.
- ✓ Be respectful to all classmates and the teacher.
- ✓ Routine for coming into the classroom:
 - Place your backpack in the back of the room
 - Place cell phone in parking lot
 - Grab a chair, stand, and vibration tuner
 - Have binder AND pencil ready at the beginning of class. Please have ukulele tuned before teacher begins instruction.
- ✓ No Profanity
- ✓ ***Do your best; if you are misbehaving, the NVHS Discipline Plan will be used.***
- ✓ ***Please be responsible.*** Bring your ukulele every time we have class. Make sure you PRACTICE!
- ✓ ***Written assignments can be turned in within a 9 week period for half credit.***
- ✓ **Be responsible for YOUR education.** If you feel you're lost or behind, talk to me. I can only help if I know that you need help!

Class Fee

There is a fee of \$25.00 for Ukulele 1. This is due by the end of the first 6 weeks of class. The fee covers the purchase of an ukulele vibration tuner and other classroom materials

If you lose or misplace your ukulele, you will be fined \$50.00 for its replacement

Semester Schedule (can be altered if needed)

Week 1	Syllabus, Knowing the Uke, Reading Tablature, Notes on fretboard
Week 2	Your first chords, Changing chords, Play simple songs
Week 3	Strumming styles, Minor chords, $\frac{3}{4}$ time
Week 4	Right hand tools and techniques, Notes and the staff, First skills test
Week 5	Times, Rests, Dotted half notes, C major scale
Week 6	Eighth notes, Dotted quarter notes, Sharps and flats
Week 7	Accidentals, Ties, Navigating a musical map
Week 8	Intro to Music Theory, Midterm skills test
Week 9	How to swing notes, Circle of Fifths progression, Triple strum
Week 10	Syncopated strum, Adding percussion with mute strokes
Week 11	Moveable chord forms, Reggae, Soul
Week 12	Island style, Third skills test
Week 13	12 bar blues, Minor pentatonic scale, Transposition
Week 14	Arpeggio pattern, Alternating thumb pattern
Week 15	Ensemble work
Week 16	Final skills test , Ensemble Work
Week 17	Ensemble Performance, Final Exam

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns on how I may assist your child to succeed in our class, the curriculum, or assignments, you can contact me at 775-677-5499 ext. 32678 or Email: karleen.king@washoeschools.net
I appreciate having the opportunity to teach your child. Thank you for taking time to read and sign this introduction.

I have read and understand this introduction to Ukulele 1. I am aware of the class fee, grading policy, general rules, daily schedule, and overall objectives of this class.

Student: PRINT NAME _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURE _____

Parent/Guardian: PRINT NAME _____ Date: _____

SIGNATURE _____