## Star Middle School Music (May 25th – 29th)

For Band, Orchestra, Choir, and General Music students of all grades!

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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>Practice musical terms.</td>
<td>Use the cards you made the last two weeks and study them for 4-6 minutes. Terms and definitions are listed below.</td>
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| Wednesday   | Apply the musical terms.   | **Band/Orchestra:** Practice your instrument (play a song we performed this year) and think about how the musical terms apply to the music.  
**Choir:** Sing a song we performed this year. Think about how the musical terms apply to the music.  
**General Music:** Write down a 4 to 8-measure melody. Think about how the musical terms would apply. |
| Thursday    | Teach musical terms.       | Teach a sibling, parent, or friend the musical terms.                                  |
| Friday      | Self-Assessment of Musical Terms | Practice your flash cards by yourself for 4-6 minutes. Have a sibling or parent quiz you. Try to get at least 16 out of 20 cards correct!  
18 out of 20 = A  
16 out of 20 = B  
14 out of 20 = C |

### Music Terms of the Week:

1. **Allegro** – Quick and lively. An upbeat and brisk tempo.
2. **Andante** – Walking pace. Not too fast or slow.
3. **Cadence** – Two chords at the end of a piece which provides a type of “punctuation” at the end of a musical phrase.
4. **Clef** – A type of music symbol indicating what pitches are on the staff.
5. **Diminuendo** – Diminishing. A dynamic instruction meaning to gradually play quieter.
6. **Etude** – French word for “study”. It is an instrument composition intended to improve a certain aspect of technique.
7. **Largo** – Broad, wide, slow. The music is played in a slow speed.
8. **Lento** – Very slow. Slower than largo.
9. **Mezzo** – Italian word for “half”. The term can be used in a number of contexts. “Mezzo-forte” “Mezzo-piano”
10. **Octave** – The interval of an eighth. A low C to a high C is an octave.
11. **Ensemble** – A group of musicians playing together like an orchestra or band.
12. **Tone** – The quality of sound of a musical instrument or voice.
13. **Pitch** – The frequency of a note determining how high or low it sounds.
14. **Scale** – A sequence of notes in either descending or ascending order.
15. **Tempo** – The rate of speed of a musical work.
16. **Forte** – Loud or strong.
17. **Piano** – Quiet or soft.
18. **Crescendo** – A dynamic instruction meaning to gradually play louder.
20. **Unison** – The sounding of the same note by two or more musicians or singers at the same time.