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Dear Lakeside Community:

Attached is an overview of the Orff music program for grades kindergarten through fifth. I hope you find it informative. In the "Music Standards" section you will find the bullet marks indicate my own personal approach as to how to target the state music standards.

**Below you will find some of my personal goals for the school year:**

- **More informal performances:**  
For example, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade would come and see the 4<sup>th</sup> grade perform a piece they've been working hard on. This will not only motivate the class that is performing, but excite the class that is viewing, as they can see what they will be working on the following year. We are already starting to implement this.
- **Create a school CD:**  
Throughout the year, record instrumental, vocal, and recorder pieces we've been working on. At the end of the year, I will compile all the songs by grade level and create a one big school CD that can then be sold to the community at Lakeside, having the proceeds benefit the music program for the following year. I have experience doing this, from the recording process, editing process and graphic arts process, so I am familiar with what needs to happen to create the final product.
- **Quarterly meetings with teachers:**  
Meet with teachers at the beginning of each quarter or semester and get specific on themes they are working on, sharing ideas about how to integrate the music/movement program into their existing curriculum. Having set dates before the year begins, so we can be prepared when we meet.
- **Singing at a convalescent home:**  
At previous schools I have worked at, my music class and I would visit a convalescent home over the holidays and do a performance. The younger kids would perform in the lobby area, doing an 45 minute set of holiday music and the older kids and I would visit another convalescent home where the patients were too sick to get out of bed, and we'd go singing room to room. An incredible experience for all involved.
- **Take a field trip to the symphony:**  
Santa Cruz Symphony has a wonderful program for students. Maybe the San Jose area has some similar programs?

Thank you for your support! I look forward to a productive year!

Sincerely,  
Kristin Allen