

Carl Orff said, "Let the children be the composers."

Improvisation allows children to use their creativity to compose music as they are performing. They learn the basic structure of the music: the rhythm, notes, and style, and then they create melodies and phrases.

I'm Pam Thomas, and I've taught Orff Music in the classroom for many years. I've taught my students to improvise with voices, movement, barred and unpitched instruments, and recorders.

Since TMA students only have music one day each week, I have proposed an after-school improvisation class to expand learning based on the skills they're learning in their music class. A class of no more than fifteen students in grades 4-6 is ideal. If you want to see what can be done in a class like this, go to YouTube and watch Walt Hampton's group from Seattle, "Rugare."

If you and your child want the chance to create amazing music, please return this form to the front desk. We will rehearse on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30. The cost will be \$50/month for four hours of improvisation fun.

Musically,

Pam Thomas

Parent Name

Child's name and grade