

Dear Parents and Families,

Here are a few ideas for what to talk to your students about before and after the festival.

Before/During

- Things to look for during the festival
 - What types of instruments they see
 - What type of clothes the performers are wearing
 - Who the performers are - maybe your students will know some of them!
- Things to listen for during the festival
 - What songs they're playing
 - What instruments they hear
 - Dynamics (loud and soft)
 - Tempo (fast and slow)
 - Pitch (high and low)
 - Genre
 - Mood

AFTER

- Which was their favorite performance?
- How many instruments did they notice?
- Can they identify any musical elements that they heard? (Pitch, dynamics, rhythm, tempo, etc)
- If they could be in one of those groups, which group would it be and which instrument would they play?
- What did they see and hear during the festival?

Please use these as a guide for a positive and educational conversation about the performance. Feel free to adjust the questions based on grade level. Enjoy!

- JAMM Music Department