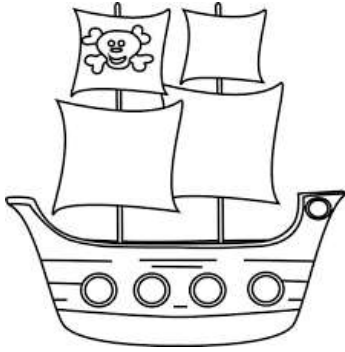




2026 2027 – 4s/5s Encounters Class Week 1

SU 2:30, MN 3:30, TU 12:15, TH 10:45, FR 12:15, ST 11:45, ST 12:45

September 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19

Encounter: Piano **Seasonal:** Pirates

Craft: Pirate Ship and Sails

Scope and Sequence Outline:

Rhythm: Whole, Half, Dotted Half Note, Quarter Note, Quarter Rest, 2-eighths; **Tempo:** Presto, Vivace, Andante, Moderato, Largo, Adagio, Accelerando and Ritardando; **Pitch:** Low, Middle and High, Scale, Skips and Steps **Tonality:** Major and Minor

(Happy/Sad) **Topography** – Black/White; 2's/3's; White Key Names; **Music Alphabet:** Forward and Backward; **Technique:** RH/LH, Finger Names/Numbers **Dynamics** – forte and piano; crescendo and diminuendo; **Repertoire:** Playing pieces; **Voice/Singing:** Vowel sounds (ah, ee, oh, oo), siren sounds, directional recognition/singing, response singing, simple song singing; “Piggyback Songs”; **Ear-training:** Rhythm and Melodic; **Orchestra/Band Instrument Families;** **Story-based Music** (examples: “Peter and the Wolf”, “Tubby the Tuba”)

Calendar

Classes Begin: September 13

No Classes: November 22 – 28

Sunday Only: Make-up Class 1: December 13, 2026 (for January 31 — when there is no class)

No Classes: December 14 – January 2

Songs and/or Chants

“The Pirates” (New: Week 1)

Sing & Play Book 1

“Bears”

Write & Listen Book 1

No Assignment

Listening Lab

<https://parkersymphony.org/pirate-classical-music>

<https://theawesomemix.com/songs-about-pirates/>

Reading Corner (provided in consultation with Pleasant Ridge Library Staff)

When I Was a Pirate by Tom Silson and Pirate Jack Gets Dressed by Nancy Raines Day
Pie-Rats by Lisa Frenkel Riddiough and The Big Chew by Robin Twiddy (picture books)
Billy and the Pirates by Nadia Shireen and Mermaid and Pirate by Tracey Baptiste (picture books)

What to do at home:

We are talking about “range” in music – high and low – listen to music every day and figure out when the music is going higher/lower – then play music on the piano going low to high and high to low

This is the story of “Goldilocks and the 3 Bears” -High -Middle – Low - Baby – Mama – Daddy

National Talk Like a Pirate Day: September 19

<https://www.npr.org/2006/07/07/5542028/pirates-101-fact-and-fiction-on-the-high-seas>

<https://www.discoverpirates.com/>

Pirate Vocabulary: <https://www.mondly.com/blog/ahoy-its-talk-like-a-pirate-day-arr/>