



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Prelude News

Dear Prelude Families,

This week in rehearsals the children went home with their rehearsal CDs, a lyrics sheet, and a rhythm practice sheet. The rehearsal CD is for you to listen to with your child to reinforce our repertoire at home. Our youngest singers may struggle in the beginning as we teach a lot of new music all at once. Having our singers listen to our songs at home with a parent or sibling pointing to the words on the lyrics sheet tends to help our singers feel more confident in rehearsals. There is so much more to singing than just learning the words so we feel that if our singers practice the words outside of rehearsals, we'll be able to work more on our singing technique and musical concepts as we sing together. The rhythm worksheet your child brought home is what we'd like to see brought back next week. The top two lines are rhythms our Prelude singers should be able to read now. The bottom two lines allow your singer to make up their own rhythm and practice writing rhythm notes. Singers will bring home practice sheets like this probably once a month this year. Our curriculum in Prelude Choir includes both singing technique and music literacy.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, September 17th for our parent meeting and Prelude Choir Mini Retreat. This will be a wonderful morning of getting to know the singers in our groups as well as letting our singers meet the Prelude kids from the other sites. Please make every effort for your child to attend. The Prelude Preview scheduled at 9:30-10:00 is for all new singers who did not attend a preview this past spring or summer. It is our screening process so we recognize the musical abilities of our singers. The Prelude Mini Retreat begins at 10:30 and we will be finished by 12:00. Please have your children dress comfortable and with non-slippery shoes as we will be doing some folk dancing. You may also send your child with a water bottle but please, only water. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday!!!

Annemarie Travia
Prelude Coordinator

Prelude Rehearsal Sites

Prelude East - Tuesdays	6:00-7:00 PM	MYAC
Prelude West - Wednesdays	4:45-5:45 PM	Mt. Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)
Prelude North - Thursdays	5:15-6:15 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

Sept. 17th - (Saturday) Prelude Preview for New Families - 9:30-10:00
Parent Meeting for All Prelude Families, 11:00-12:00, MYAC
Prelude Mini Retreat from 10:30-12:00, MYAC

Week of 19th - Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26th - Regular Rehearsals

Office News

MCC Website: Thanks for your patience while we did a bit of maintenance on our website last weekend. We were down for several days but are back up and running. Please see our website at www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org for the latest information. The Member's Only page is a great place to go if you have MCC questions!

MCC Email: Our email system was also down last weekend for maintenance. If you have sent a staff member an email that they have not yet responded to, please resend now or contact the office at 414-221-7040 for assistance.

Open Enrollment: MCC open enrollment closes tomorrow (Saturday, Sept. 17). If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, they will have another opportunity to join MCC after Thanksgiving or at the beginning of January (depending on the choir site). Please have your friends contact the MCC office at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org to learn more.

Choir Handbook: Our choir handbook will come to you via email by Monday. It will also be posted on our website.