



## **Ukulele Grant**

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**NPS Building:** Bel Air Elementary School

**Grade:** 2nd Grade, 4th Grade, 3rd Grade, 1st Grade

**Subject:** Music

**Amount Requested: \$750.00**

**Amount Remaining: \$251.52**

### **Project Summary:**

The Ukulele is a child-friendly instrument that is easy to play and offers a great transition to learning the guitar. The addition of ukuleles will not only enhance our music curriculum but also provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to explore a new instrument and expand their musical skills. It opens the door for student accompaniment in the classroom and potentially at concerts.

### **Itemized Budget:**

Each Kala Waterman Ukulele, (Kala Brand Music Co. The Waterman Beach Collection, 4-String Ukulele, Right, Black Sand, Soprano (KA-WMS-BK-S)) is \$45, and 16 ukuleles total.

### **Timetable and Plan:**

The plan would be to start at the beginning of the school year with second grade and add first grade second semester. The objective is to provide a consistent sprinkle of opportunities, and manageable schedule for students to learn how to play the ukulele. This regular routine will help maintain the students' interest, ensure steady progress in learning, and also create possibilities for exploring other musical endeavors. I am confident that this enriching experience has the potential to become a lifelong passion.

### **Evaluation/Measurable Result:**

Students have shown genuine enthusiasm for learning how to play the ukulele, with the couple already here utilized during center time. Additionally, I observed that the size of the ukulele is more child-friendly, making it easier for our students to handle. Because of the size and ease to play I am excited about the opportunity to start teaching first and second graders. Teaching guitar (thanks to a previous grant) to students sparked a high level of excitement among a few individuals, prompting them to further their skills through external lessons. During our December sing-a-long event, these students collaborated with the live band to perform easy tunes. This experience highlights how offering students the chance to learn a musical instrument can lead to their enthusiastic pursuit of proficiency and a willingness to share their talents with others. I hope this information showcases the positive impact and engagement the musical instruments can bring to our students.

### **Teacher Comments:**