

Musical Instruments and Their Families

In Music Class we talked about how Musical Instruments are grouped in Families. Each instrument has similar characteristics as other instruments. We put each Instrument into Groups based on their certain characteristics, or the things that are the same about them.

Strings - All have strings, & are played by using a bow across the strings, or strumming or plucking the strings.

Brass - All are made of brass, silver, or gold, & all require the same type of mouthpiece in order to blow air into it. All use valves or a slide to open & close the tubes where the air flows to make the sound.

Woodwinds - All either have air blown directly into the instrument or use a type of reed in the mouthpiece which makes the sound when you put it in your mouth & blow. All use button like keys, or your fingers to open & close the holes.

Percussion - These instruments can all be shaken, tapped, hit, or scraped.

When you color each of the Leprechauns, don't forget to write on the coloring page which Instrument Family the instrument that each Leprechaun is playing, belongs to.

And have a Happy MUSICAL St. Patrick's Day!!

Mrs. Nielson

Name _____

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Strings



Woodwind



Brass



Percussion

Flute

Bass drum

Trumpet

Violin

Cello

Viola

Oboe

Tuba

Harp.

Bass

Piano

Snare
drum

Clarinet





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