

4TH GRADE MUSIC PROGRAM - GROUP B

"TEXAS, OUR TEXAS"

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 - 6:30pm

LEIGHTON B. (1)

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, and welcome to our 4th Grade Music program, "Texas, our Texas"! We have been working hard on quite a variety of songs to celebrate our great State this semester, which we hope you will enjoy tonight!

MARISSA B. (2)

We hope that tonight's music will help you celebrate this glorious land we call Texas! A state that was even once a nation unto itself!

QUINTIN F. (1)

Join us tonight as we pay tribute to some of the people, places, and traditions that make Texas the best state in our nation.

LILY M. (2)

We'll get this program off to a great start with none other than our own official state song, "Texas, our Texas", by composer William J. Marsh. This song was adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1929 after being selected in a state-wide competition.

MASON H. (1)

There has only been one change made to the lyrics of the song when Alaska became a state, and the original text, "Largest and grandest", were no longer true.

MORGAN W. (2)

Well, even if it's no longer the largest state, at least we know it is the greatest! Let's kick off our program as we sing our grandest state song, "Texas, our Texas"!

SONG 1: TEXAS, OUR TEXAS

AVANI B. (1)

Did you know that Texas is the only state to have had the flags of six different nations fly over it? These nations are: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, the Confederate States, and the United States!

ADDIE T. (2)

First, the Spanish arrived in 1519, followed by the French in 1620. Their influence was short-lived, and the Spanish soon took over once again, establishing Catholic missions across the land.

OWEN L. (1)

Texas had a total of 24 missions, each 30 miles apart. This "mission trail" covered 650 miles of Texas! Each mission had its own church, dorms, and strong defense walls for protection.

ADDISON H. (2)

In 1718, San Antonio was established with the building of the Mission: San Antonio de Valero. The mission would later be known as the Alamo, which still stands today and is the most famous of all Texas missions.

DYLAN A. (1)

Texas is known for so many things like our state mammal, the Longhorn, our state insect, the Monarch Butterfly, and our state flower, the Bluebonnet.

ROHIN G. (2)

Texas is also known for continuing the traditions of its culture that was influenced by the Spanish and Mexican colonization of the 1700s and 1800s.

RAPHAEL L. (1)

After Texas became an official part of the United States, it continued to welcome immigrants from Mexico who brought rich traditions of Mexican culture through music, food, and the Spanish language.

AVERY H. (2)

Our next song will feature a Spanish folk song that celebrates a popular Spanish musical style called *Mariachi*.

JAMES Q. (1)

Mariachi music is extremely popular in Mexican culture and uses specific instruments such as the violin, trumpet, and a Spanish guitar called a *guitarrón* to create its unique sound.

SOPHIA S. (2)

As many Mexican families established in Texas, they brought with them this rich musical tradition as well as songs sung in the Spanish language.

JOSHUA M. (1)

Please enjoy our next song that we will sing in Spanish about the many wonderful colors of this world called “De Colores”, which means “Many Colors”!

SONG 2: DE COLORES

ISIS A. (1)

Texas has such a rich history, but what about Texas today? Here are some facts that you may or may not know about Texas!

CONNOR S. (2)

Texas is known as the “Lone Star State”, because our flag has only one star. This star reminds us of the time when Texas was its own country.

KAI Z. (1)

In 1885, Dr. Pepper was invented in Waco, Texas; and the King Ranch in South Texas is larger than the entire state of Rhode Island! (That’s a lot of land, people!)

FINN J. (2)

The world’s first rodeo was held in Pecos, Texas in 1883; and the world’s largest statue of an American is of Sam Houston at Sam Houston University, which is located in Huntsville.

ROSS C. (1)

The phrase “everything is bigger in Texas” reigns true in a huge way: Texas is in fact larger than any country in Europe! This means there’s plenty of land to make way for the Katy Freeway at Beltway 8 which has 26 lanes across! (Anyone want to tell that to the people who are making the 183 Toll??)

EMMY K. (2)

Texas is truly such an amazing state! I have no idea why anyone would ever want to leave! Well, except for maybe some.... *(give a big wink to the audience before going to the risers)*

SONG 3: OLD TEXAS

AL'LYNN O. (1)

Texas really is one big state! It's big with heart, big with soul, big with ideas, big with opportunities for the future! The state motto of "Friendship" rings true in Texas as all Texans embrace new ideas to help friends and strangers alike.

ISABEL R. (1)

A popular symbol associated with our state is the yellow rose. You might be familiar with one part of our final song, "The Yellow Rose of Texas", although this song actually has nothing to do with a flower at all!

CALEB G. (2)

Another popular symbol that represents our state is the star on our flag, where Texas got its famous title of the "Lone Star State". This star represents how brightly our state shines across the country and the world so that others can see the amazing things Texas has to offer!

LILY V. (2)

Here in Texas, we celebrate our land, our culture, and our hopes for the future. We recognize our grand history and look forward to making our own history someday. We celebrate Texas - ALL of it!

LIAM O. (1)

From the stars that are big and bright, to the wide prairie sky, we are proud to live here, "Deep in the Heart of Texas!"

QUENTIN T. (2)

Please enjoy our final song, a medley of these two familiar Texas traditional songs, and help us close this evening to give a grand nod to the Lone Star State with our song, "Salute to Texas"!

SONG 4: SALUTE TO TEXAS

LUCCAS A. (1)

Thank you, again, for attending our performance this evening, and we hope you have a wonderful evening! Please join me in giving our performers one more round of applause to:

- Ms. Loehr's class
- Ms. Lombardi's class
- Mrs. Rogers' class
- All of our talented 4th Grade students!

Now, will you please welcome back Mrs. Williamson to the stage.