

## Naomi Sommers' Elementary Enrichment Class

# Songs and Singing, Grades K-2

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### Class Description:

In this hour of music and song, your child will sing, dance, learn new songs, and discover the story behind songs we sing. Each week a different American songwriter (ex: Woody Guthrie; Elizabeth Cotton) will be introduced, as we talk about his or her life and craft, and learn a few songs. An introduction to basic elements of song (verse, chorus, rhyme, melody, etc) will let students see songs they already know in a new light. At the end of the session the class will write an original song together. Each meeting, we follow a basic structure in which the first half is spent with singing and movement, getting a feel for rhythm, melody and simple songs. The second half will be focussed on songwriting, talking about the life and singing the songs of that week's selected writer, and Naomi will accompany each class with banjo, guitar or mandolin. It's all about having fun, and feeling creative, and we may also do some drawing, illustrating songs we sing. Copies of the lyrics and chords for all songs will be sent home with the kids!

### About the instructor:

Naomi Sommers has 25 years of experience writing songs, and over 30 years of experience performing and recording as a singer and multi-instrumentalist (flute, guitar, piano, mandolin, and banjo). She has played folk & bluegrass, jazz, classical, and rock music both solo and with numerous ensembles and collaborators. Naomi has released three albums of original songs on her father bluegrass musician Phil Rosenthal's American Melody record label, in addition to playing or singing on over 20 other recordings. <http://www.naomisommers.com>