

## An Update From the Music REACH

# "T"ROMBONES

Music Reach Trombones work together to perform a trio for their peers and parents.



## TEAMWORK, BALANCE, AND MOST OF ALL - FUN!

### Thank you for making it all possible!

Each year I have been in the Music REACH program I have confronted new challenges and experienced new successes - and I can honestly speak for my students when I say they have felt the same.

I have had Joel, a soon-to-be junior in high school, for 3 years now! It's not only amazing how time flies, but also to see a dedicated student improve and grow in their work and passion. This year, as we welcomed a new member to the trombone "studio," I focused on giving Joel more leadership opportunities, as he is now the principal trombone for the Greater Miami Youth Symphony and his school band. He has proved to be a quiet leader, growing in more than just his performance on the trombone this year.

As mentioned before, we welcomed Damarius into our trio this year. He is headed into the fifth grade in the fall, and started with us as a true beginner. The difference in ability at first was a little overwhelming, but thankfully what was

more overwhelming were the staggering positive attitudes and enthusiasm from both students to play the trombone, work together, and help each other. This being said, I found ways as a teacher to cater each lesson to the differentiated learning of my students.

The support of this program's parents, the University of Miami, Arts4Learning, Miami, and awesome sponsors like you brings so much joy to all of the mentors and students in this program. I thank you for sponsoring their education, which they meet with hard work and perseverance. I thank you for allowing me to have the priceless and unique opportunity to teach my students and experience all that it is to share joy and mentor someone. And finally, I thank *you* for both valuing and sharing the joy of music. Today, it is even more crucial to maintain and foster our beloved art.

*Megan M. Roy*



### Spring Showcase

Early in the Spring semester, we put on a showcase of our hard work. Pictured L to R: Joel, Megan, Damarius.