

Teaching Unit: *Note Value/Duration*

Essential Understandings

Understand the values of different notes are the building blocks to reading and performing rhythms.

Rhythm is a key component in music and music performance.

Sub Topic: *Rhythm*

Knowledge and Skills

Students will know the note values of whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes and rests. (A2)

Students will be able to identify musical notation - whole half quarter, eighth notes and rests. (A2), (A1)

Students will be able to perform rhythms that use whole, half, quarter, eighth notes and rests using the Kodaly syllables. (A1)

Teaching Unit: *Treble Clef Staff Review*

Essential Understandings

Being able to read and identify notes on the treble clef staff is essential in playing recorder music.

Understand the treble clef staff is key to being a good musician.

Sub Topic: *Reading Pitches*

Knowledge and Skills

Students will know the lines and spaces of the treble clef staff. (A2)

Students will be able to identify notes on the treble clef staff. (A2)

Students will be able to draw notes on the treble clef staff. (A2)

Teaching Unit: *Patriotism*

Essential Understandings

There are many songs that reflect our National Heritage and are a part of the history of our country.

People fought in wars to help protect our countries values and beliefs.

Sub Topic: *Patriotic Music*

Knowledge and Skills

students will have an understanding of music that represents patriotism, and nationalism

Students will be able to sing a patriotic song with the correct pitch and rhythm.

Teaching Unit: ***December Holidays****

Essential Understandings

During December people around the world celebrate holidays other than Christmas. There are many December holidays celebrated around the world. Different cultures celebrate holidays differently. It's important to know about the celebrations of other cultures.

Teaching Unit: ***Classical Concert***

Essential Understandings

Orchestra players work together to create musical performance. Classical music can be used to tell a story.

Sub Topic: ***World Celebrations***

Knowledge and Skills

The students will know about the origin and history of Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

The students will understand the traditions of people from around the world.

Students will have an understanding of the origins of the holiday music from different countries.

Students will be able to sing several holiday songs in pitch and in unison.

Sub Topic: ***Instruments of the Orchestra***

Knowledge and Skills

The students will know about the history of the songs performed at the concert. (E1)

The students will know about each instrument family in the orchestra. (A3)

The students will be able to identify the instruments in the orchestra both visually and aurally (A3)

The students will be able to critique the concert based on how it made them feel. (D1)

Teaching Unit: ***Recorder Playing***

Essential Understandings

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Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Read music with easy keys, meter, and rhythms in limited ranges. (A1) (B1)

Display proper posture and technique. (A1)

Read musical notation, symbols, and dynamics. (A2)

Will be able to play and identify music of different tempos, dynamics, and style. (A3)

Students will be able to hear if they are playing incorrect notes, rhythms, etc. (A3)

Students will create a goal to improve playing and implement that goal (E3)

Teaching Unit: ***Spring/Winter Concert***

Essential Understandings

It takes hard work and practice to prepare for a performance.

Sub Topic: ***Performances***

Knowledge and Skills

The students will know the proper concert etiquette.

The students will be able to prepare songs both vocally and instrumentally for a public performance.

Teaching Unit: ***African American Spirituals***

Essential Understandings

The music of African Americans has an integral part of our music today.

Knowing the history of our country's music is important to understanding the music of today.

Sub Topic: ***American/Music History***

Knowledge and Skills

The students will be able to sing African American Spirituals with correct pitch. (A2), (B2)

The students will know about the history of African American Spirituals. (E1)

The students will be able to perform an African American Spiritual on their recorder. (A2), (A1), (B1)

Teaching Unit: ***Recorder Composition***

Essential Understandings

Composing music allows a better understanding of music.

Composing music allows for more creativity and personal accountability in music.

Performing music in front of an audience is an experience that all musicians should experience. It gives a feeling of courage and accomplishment.

Sub Topic: ***Composing/Performing***

Knowledge and Skills

The students will compose an 8 measure composition on recorder using the notes that have been learned since September.

The students will perform their original composition for the class.

Know about meter and it's role in music (B1)

Know the creative process and be able to apply it to their composition (C1)

Be able to perform their composition in front of the class with the correct notes and rhythms (A1, A2, B1)
