**Grade Pre-K and K General Music**

Music integrates cognitive learning and creativity to contribute to the holistic development of every child. This program is designed to include an active music making approach to address the Four Artistic Processes of the National Core Arts Standards; creating, performing, responding and connecting. Students will study rhythm, melody and harmony, form and style, and vocal, instrumental and ensemble skill development to receive a comprehensive musical learning experience. Curwen hand signs are used for solfege and Gordon rhythm syllables are used for reading rhythm. The study of music sets a foundation for lifelong participation in and appreciation of music, and reinforces skills needed for many of life’s responsibilities. All students in kindergarten receive two forty minute classes of music instruction per six day rotation. All students in pre-K receive two twenty minute classes of music instruction per six day rotation.

### Course Overview

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| Students will have the ability to understand and engage with music in a number of different ways, including the **creative**, **responsive** and **performative** artistic processes. They will have the ability to perform music in a manner that illustrates careful preparation and reflects an understanding and interpretation of the selection. They will be musically literate. | • Create  
• Perform  
• Respond  
• Connect | Students will:  
• Sing alone and with other, a varied repertoire of music  
• Perform on percussion instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music  
• Improvise and compose rhythmic and melodic patterns  
• Read and notate music  
• Listen to, analyze, interpret and evaluate music  
• Perform multicultural music and dances |
| Students will be artistically literate: they will have the knowledge and understanding required to participate authentically in the arts. They will have the ability to transfer arts knowledge, skills, experiences and capacities to other subjects, settings and connects to promote and enhance lifelong learning. | **Anchor Standards**  
• Select, analyze, and interpret artistic work for presentation.  
• Develop and refine artistic techniques and work for presentation.  
• Convey meaning through the presentation of artistic work.  
• Perceive and analyze artistic work.  
• Interpret intent and meaning in artistic work.  
• Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.  
• Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.  
• Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding. |  |
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### Rhythm

**Skill Objectives**
- Students will be able to demonstrate steady beat.
- Students will be able to demonstrate contrasts in tempi (slow, fast).
- Students will be able to demonstrate the pulse/beat in simple and compound meters.
- Students will be able to perform non-locomotor movements to a musical beat.
- Students will identify and perform rhythms comprised of long and short notes using pre-rhythm (non-standard) notation.

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<td>- Students will analyze, rehearse, evaluate, refine and present simple rhythms using pre-rhythm (non-standard) notation.</td>
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**Assessments:**
Kindergarten Rhythm Assessment Parts 1 and 2  
Individual/Small group performance  
Full group performance

### Melody and Harmony

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### Skill Objectives

- Students will be able to differentiate between high and low pitches.
- Students will be able to sing songs in varied tonalities.
- Students will be able to perform a song or rhyme.

### Responding

*Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.*

### Enduring Understanding

- The personal evaluation of musical works and performances is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria based on the elements of music. (PROGRESSIVE BY GRADE LEVEL)

### Essential Question

- How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performances?

### Process Components: Analyze, Interpret

### Instructional Strategies/Process

- Students will listen to, analyze and interpret melodies, differentiating between high and low.
- Students will analyze, identify and describe the differences between pieces with contrasting tonalities (major and minor).

### Assessments:

*Kindergarten Melody and Harmony Assessment*
- Individual/Small group performance
- Full group performance

### Performing

*Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.*

### Enduring Understanding

- To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.
- Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place and cultures.

### Essential Questions

- How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?
- When is a performance judged ready to present?

### Process Components: Analyze, Rehearse, Evaluate, Refine, Present

### Instructional Strategies/Process

- Students will echo sing alone and with others.
- Students will rehearse, evaluate, refine, sing and present simple melodic patterns.
- Students will sing songs, in both major and minor keys in the proper vocal register (head voice).
### Form, Style and Musical Expression

**Skill Objectives**
- Students will be able to distinguish between same and different phrases.
- Students will be able to demonstrate contrasts in dynamics (soft, loud).
- Students will be able to perform dramatizations and create sound accompaniments for stories, rhymes and poetry.

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- Students will sing, rehearse, refine and present short songs with different dynamic levels including soft and loud.

**Assessments:**
- Kindergarten Form, Style and Musical Expression Assessment
- Individual/Small group performance
- Full group performance
## Vocal and Instrumental Development

### Skill Objectives
- Students will be able to sing with appropriate posture while sitting and standing.
- Students will be able to sing in head voice.
- Students will be able to play unpitched percussion with developing technique.

### Responding
*Understanding and evaluating how the arts convey meaning.*

### Enduring Understanding
- The personal evaluation of musical works and performances is informed by analysis, interpretation, and established criteria based on the elements of music. (PROGRESSIVE BY GRADE LEVEL)

### Essential Question
- How do we judge the quality of musical work(s) and performances?

### Process Components: Analyze

### Instructional Strategies/Process
- Students will listen to, analyze, and echo melodic patterns and short songs in the correct vocal register.

### Performing
*Realizing artistic ideas and work through interpretation and presentation.*

### Enduring Understanding
- To express their musical ideas, musicians analyze, evaluate, and refine their performance over time through openness to new ideas, persistence, and the application of appropriate criteria.
- Musicians judge performance based on criteria that vary across time, place and cultures.

### Essential Questions
- How do musicians improve the quality of their performance?
- When is a performance judged ready to present?

### Process Components: Rehearse, Evaluate, Refine, Present

### Instructional Strategies/Process
- Students will sing rehearse, refine and present songs and phrases in head voice.
- Students will evaluate their performances for use of head voice.
- Students will demonstrate proper posture in both sitting and standing positions.
- Students will vocalize using high and low registers of the speaking and singing voice.
- Students will play unpitched percussion with a steady beat.

### Assessments:
- Kindergarten Vocal and Instrumental Development Assessment
- Individual/Small group performance
- Full group performance

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**CONNECTING**  
*Relating artistic ideas and work with personal meaning and external context.*

**Enduring Understanding**
- Understanding connections to varied contexts and daily life enhances musicians’ creating, performing and responding.

**Essential Question**
- How do the other arts, other disciplines, contexts, and daily life inform creating, performing and responding to music?

**Process Components:** Compare and Contrast, Analyze, Interpret, Evaluate

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| Students learn a specific piece of repertoire and will understand how it connects to other disciplines in the academic setting. | Students will learn the melody and lyrics to “Yankee Doodle” and understand the historical context of the song and the meaning behind the words.  
- **Why is this song relevant, and what is it about?**  
*It is the Connecticut State song, and it is about the members of the army around the time of the Revolutionary War. The words were originally written by the British to make fun of the American soldiers, but the soldiers eventually reclaimed the song as their own.*  
- How many parts does the song have? Do any of the parts repeat? *Two, the verse and refrain. The refrain repeats.* |
Verse 2:
Father and I went down to camp,
Along with Captain Gooding,
And there we saw the men and boys
And there we saw a thousand men
As rich as Squire David,
And what they wasted every day,
I wish it could be saved.
Kindergarten Assessment Pack

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Rhythm Part 1
Skill objective: Students will be able to demonstrate the pulse/beat in duple, triple and compound meters.

Task Summary: The whole class demonstrates the steady beat by tapping/clapping/patting while listening to “Yankee Doodle.”

Materials: Record Sheet with Rubric, “Yankee Doodle” recording (suggested: Weikart Rhythmically Moving, Disc 2)

Repertoire: “Yankee Doodle” (suggested: Weikart Rhythmically Moving, Disc 2)

Task Instructions:
- Teacher watches students tap/clap/pat the steady beat on their laps while listening to “Yankee Doodle”.
- As students perform, the teacher assesses each individual.

ASSESSMENT RUBRIC

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**Rhythm Part 2**
Skill objective: Students will analyze and evaluate long and short notes using pre-rhythm (non-standard) notation.

Task Summary: Students will create a four-beat rhythm pattern and perform a rhythm pattern with the class.

Materials: Student worksheet, pencils

Task Instructions:
• Teacher hands out worksheet and instructs students to put one pre-rhythm symbol in each box.
• Teacher prompts class to practice performing the given rhythm pattern.
• Assess each worksheet when it is handed in.
Kindergarten Assessment: Rhythm Part 2
Task Summary: Students will create a four-beat rhythm pattern and perform a rhythm pattern with the class.

Name: ______________________ Date: ______________ Class: ______________

Create a new pattern by drawing short and long sounds in the boxes below.

Long = [ ] Short = [ ]

Perform this rhythm pattern as a class:

[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
Melody/Harmony

Skill objective: Students will differentiate between high and low pitches.

Task Summary: Students will individually complete worksheets.

Materials: Student worksheets, instrument of choice.

Repertoire: Any song/melodic pattern/pitch groupings that clearly indicate high and low pitches.

Task Instructions:
  - Teacher states that students will listen to the examples and circle the bird if the pitch is high and the worm if the pitch is low.
  - Teacher plays or sings and students complete their worksheet.

Kindergarten Assessment: Melody/Harmony
Task Summary: Individually complete worksheets to show understanding of high and low sounds.

Name: ______________________ Date: _______________ Class: __________

Listen to the sounds played or sung by the teacher. Circle the BIRD if the sounds are HIGH, and circle the WORM if the sounds are LOW.

Example:

1. 
   
   High
   
   Low

2. 
   
   High
   
   Low

3. 
   
   High
   
   Low

4. 
   
   High
   
   Low

Form/Style/Musical Expression
Skill objective: Students will be able to distinguish the difference between loud and soft.

Task Summary: Teacher will play or sing a musical phrase for each example on the worksheet. Student will circle the animals based on whether the phrases are loud or soft.

Materials: Student worksheet, pencils, samples of musical phrases

Task Instructions:
- Teacher will play or sing a musical phrase for each example on the worksheet.
- Student will circle the animals based on whether the phrases are loud or soft.
- At the end of the assessment, collect papers and assess student progress.

Kindergarten Assessment: Form/Style/Musical Expression
Task Summary: Individually complete worksheets to show understanding of loud and soft.
Listen to four different musical examples. Circle the picture that shows if the examples you hear are LOUD or SOFT.

1. [Image of a lion and a mouse, with options for LOUD or SOFT]

2. [Image of a lion and a mouse, with options for LOUD or SOFT]

3. [Image of a lion and a mouse, with options for LOUD or SOFT]

4. [Image of a lion and a mouse, with options for LOUD or SOFT]
Skill objective: Students will be able to use a singing voice.

Task Summary: Students will sing independently during a variety of songs and games. Teacher will assess students multiple times per year based on the vocal rubric provided.

Materials: Record Sheet with Rubric, variety of grade level repertoire

Task Instructions:
- Teacher prompts students to vocalize independently during a song or game.
- As students perform, watch and assess each individual.

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| -Carnival of the Animals: Saint-Saens |
**Task Summary:** Students will complete worksheet by listening to the teacher clap or play a rhythm and circling which rhythm they hear.

**Materials:** Student worksheet, pencils

**Task Instructions:**
- Teacher hands out worksheets and instructs students to listen to a rhythm, and then circle the rhythm that they hear.
- Teacher collects the worksheets and assess student progress.

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**Kindergarten Enrichment: Rhythm**

Task Summary: Individually complete worksheets to show understanding of long and short notes.

Name: ______________________ Date: _______________ Class: __________
Which rhythm do you hear?

1. □ □ □ □  OR  □ □ □ □ □

2. □ □ □ □ □  OR  □ □ □ □ □

3. □ □ □ □ □  OR  □ □ □ □ □ □

Form/Style/Musical Expression Enrichment

Skill objective: Students will be able to distinguish between same and different phrases
**Task Summary:** Teacher will play or sing two musical phrases for each example on the worksheet. Student will circle the animals based on whether the phrases are the same or different from each other.

**Materials:** Student worksheet, samples of musical phrases

**Task Instructions:**
- Teacher will play or sing two musical phrases for each example on the worksheet.
- Student will circle the animals based on whether the phrases are the same or different from each other.
- At the end of the assessment, collect papers and grade using the rubric.

**Kindergarten Enrichment: Form/Style/Musical Expression**

Task Summary: Individually complete worksheets to show understanding same and different phrases.

Name: ____________________ Date: ______________ Class: __________
Listen to four different musical phrases. Circle the picture that shows if the phrases you hear are the same or different.