

5th Grade General Music

Course Overview

Over the course of the term in 5th grade general music, students will develop their musicianship skills and literacy through a variety of activities. Students will explore the music of Africa, customs and traditions during a unit on drum circles. They will hone music literacy skills and learn how to play as an ensemble in a unit on bucket drumming. In addition, students will explore and study various genres of music and research a genre of their choice and report their findings to the class. Finally, one unit will be devoted to the study of musical theater; history, evolution and elements of musical theater will be addressed. Throughout all units of study, listening activities, singing, playing rhythm instruments, and basic musical terms and concepts will be incorporated.

Essential Standards

MU:Pr6.1.5a: PERFORMING: I can demonstrate an understanding of the elements of music by reading/singing and/or playing an instrument.

MU:Re7.2.5a: RESPONDING: I can express musical ideas through verbal, movement, written, or artistic means.

MU:Cr1.1.5a: CREATING: I can compose and write music using standard or alternative notation.

Timeframe	Unit	Topics	Learning Targets
2 Weeks	Drum Circle	Students will create music individually and as an ensemble through participating in drum circle activities. Emphasis will be placed on steady beat and basic rhythms through call and response activities and improvisation. Students will be able to play alone as well as with others	Students will be able to keep a steady beat and perform basic rhythms alone and with others Students will be able to improvise a 4 beat rhythm in time on a drum Students will be able to differentiate between steady beat and rhythm
2 Weeks	Music Genres	Students in 5th grade will explore various genres of music through a variety of activities. A few genres that will be discussed include jazz, rock,	

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2 Weeks	Bucket Drumming	Students in 5th grade will create music individually and as an ensemble through playing bucket drums. Basic drumming techniques will be addressed as well as basic music notation reading	
2 Weeks	Musical Theater	<p>Students will learn the history of musical theater and its progression through the years. Students will learn about the different aspects of a musical (actors, costumes, makeup, props, lighting, sound, choreography, etc) in addition to theater etiquette. As a culminating activity, students will select a musical to research and create a presentation about the show: summarize the plot, describe the characters and music from the show.</p> <p>If time allows, students will compose and create a soundscape; Students will apply what they know about creating 4-beat patterns to synthesize and create a multi-instrument ensemble, imitating the sounds of a particular chosen environment</p>	

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