

6th Grade General Music

Music

Grade 6, 1 Credit

Course Overview

This is a 9 week class (6th grade students attend music class everyday for one term). The class is divided into units on musical artists, digital and film music, bucket drumming and piano. Emphasis is placed on in-class participation and some written work/projects. Written tests are given at the end of each unit of study and students are assessed informally many times throughout each unit to track progress. Successful completion of these 9 weeks will prepare students for 7th Grade General Music Course, *Rockin' and Strummin'*, as well as other MS music opportunities such as MS Band and Choir.

Essential Standards

MU:Pr4.1.6a: PERFORMING: I can demonstrate an understanding of the elements of music by reading/singing and/or playing an instrument.

MU:Re7.1.6a: RESPONDING: I can express musical ideas through verbal, movement, written, or artistic means.

MU:Cr1.1.6a: CREATING: I can compose and write music using standard or alternative notation.

Timeframe	Unit	Topics
1 week	Musical Artists	Students will research an artist of their choice. Items they will research include but are not limited to the following: Who inspired/influenced the artist, their impact on the music community, their music background.
2 weeks	Digital Music	Students will learn about the history of electronic music and create their own compositions using Sound Trap, Google Chrome Music Lab and Incredibox.
2 weeks	Film Music	Students will gain a basic understanding of the main techniques used by composers of film scores. They will also learn the purposes of film music; to set the scene or tone, to foreshadow, and to clue the audience into part of the story. Finally, students will come to know the most prominent composers and some of their most famous pieces/film scores.
1 week	Bucket Drumming	Students will review bucket drumming techniques learned in 5th grade as well as basic rhythm patterns. They will play in an ensemble and create their own bucket grooves.
3 weeks	Piano	Students will learn how to identify/read notes on the keyboard and staff, hand position, and be able to perform basic songs on a piano keyboard. In addition students will have an opportunity to extend their learning through composing their own music on a piano keyboard.