

# MUSIC NEWS

**APRIL 2024**

**Marking Period 3**

**Measurement Topics: Performing Music  
Responding to Music**

## **Kindergarten**

We will use our voices, locomotor and non locomotor movements, classroom instruments and listening skills focus on meter: steady beat (simple vs. compound) through the use of locomotor and non locomotor movements & classroom instruments. We will respond to music through active listening and classroom discussions; and we will continue our vocal exploration and exploring musical concepts such as high and low sounds using iconic (picture notation); long short-short sounds.

## **1st Grade**

We will use our voices, locomotor and non locomotor movements, classroom instruments and listening skills to read and perform music using the solfege pitches so and mi; rhythm symbols including the Quarter Rest. We will identify the form of various musical selections organized in AB and ABA form. We will also focus on matching pitch in a limited range.

## **2nd Grade**

We will use our voices, locomotor and non locomotor movements, classroom instruments and listening skills to read and perform songs that use the solfege syllables do, re mi, so, la (this will occur throughout the rest of the school year). We will read and notate Do and continue our work with identifying/performing the steady beat; identifying, performing and responding to strong/weak beats and strong/weak beats in simple vs compound meter; Borduns/Drones; reading Musical symbols such as repeat signs, barlines, double barlines and the treble clef; and performing and responding to music dynamics and tempi such as crescendo/decrescendo and accelerando/ritardando.

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## 3rd Grade

Students will identify, respond to, perform and read songs in verse-refrain, question-answer and Rondo form; Two-part Rounds; Articulation of staccato and legato; reading musical symbols compound 6/8 meter signature (strong beat/weak beat in compound meter) ;and [limited] singing of songs within an octave range using proper breath support; and performing songs that use the pitches G-A-B with our voices and on classroom instruments. Due to safety concerns, there will be no recorder unit this year.

## 4th Grade

We will use our voices, locomotor and non locomotor movements, classroom instruments and listening skills to explore musical concepts such as the musical pitches C-D-E-F; quarter note-eighth note rhythm patterns; major vs. minor aural identification; compound 6/8 meter; repeating and contrasting phrases; 2-3-4 part rounds; the musical symbol CODA; the musical articulation legato and staccato; and [Limited] singing with expression and within an octave range; orchestral instrument identification.



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## 5th Grade

We will use our voices, locomotor and non locomotor movements, classroom instruments and listening skills to explore musical concepts such as reading the diatonic scale: do based major and la based minor; reading syncopated rhythm patterns (eight quarter eight notes and dotted quarter eight note rhythms); all known rhythms in simple and/or compound meter; diatonic major, natural minor and major vs. minor (aural); Songs using 3 / 4 meter; Partner Songs and songs using melodic ostinati; Tempo marking of ANDANTE; key signatures and Coda; and use of appropriate singing techniques and [limited] singing with expression.

## CHORUS

Our Spring Concert is set for Thursday May 23rd.. We will have two in-school performances (9:30 am and 2:30 pm) and an evening performance, at Clarksburg High School at 7:00 pm. For more details please contact me, Mrs. Jackson.

## Stay in touch :

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