

# 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE MUSIC

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First Grade music class is filled with singing, playing classroom instruments and dancing! A strong focus for all primary music students is on keeping a steady beat. After reviewing contrasting elements of high/low, upward/downward and fast/slow, first grades begin to read simple rhythms that contain quarter notes and eighth notes. They also begin to be able to identify *sol* and *mi* within simple songs. Later in the year, they are introduced to a quarter rest and the higher musical note, *la*.

## By the end of 1<sup>st</sup> Grade....

### Steady Beat

- Students will identify a steady beat
- Students will independently play a steady beat



### Rhythm

- Students can identify, read and play quarter note (*ta*), eighth notes (*ti-ti*) and rest to a steady beat

### Melody



- Students will understand how the pitches of *so*, *mi* and *la* are related to one another on the staff
- Students will match pitch with *so*, *mi* and *la* patterns
- Students will read *so*, *mi* and *la* patterns on the staff

### Contrasting Elements

- Students will play, move and sing music that is fast/slow, high/low, loud/soft and short/long.