

3RD GRADE MUSIC

Third Grade Music Class is a fun and exciting year! Third graders review all of the many concepts and symbols they learned in second grade. They expand upon their melodic vocabulary by focusing on the five syllables of *do, re, mi, so and la* as being a pentatonic scale. They learn about the rhythm values of sixteenth notes.

And most importantly, third graders get to learn how to play the recorder! Throughout the year, they learn the three introductory notes on the recorder, B, A and G. Learning this simple instruments prepares them for their opportunity to learn band and orchestra instruments next year in the intermediate school! The recorder follows many of the same fingerings as the woodwind instruments such as the clarinet, flute and saxophone. They continue their recorder lessons in their general music classes at the intermediate school and their recorders will go along with them. At the intermediate school, students can also join chorus.

By the end of 3rd Grade....



Rhythm

- Students can identify, read and play quarter note, quarter rests, eighth notes, half note, half rests, dotted half and sixteenth notes to a steady beat
- Students can understand meter signatures and identify music in duple and triple meter

Melody



- Students will understand how the pitches of *so, mi, la, do* and *re* are related to another on the staff
- Students will match pitch with *so, mi, la, do* and *re* patterns
- Students will read and create *so, mi, la, do* and *re* patterns on the staff
- Students will understand *so, mi, la, do* and *re* patterns as a pentatonic scale

Symbols and Terminology

- Students will understand how to identify music symbols including the treble clef, musical staff, line and space notes, measure, bar line, meter signature, repeat signs, tempo and dynamics
- Students will identify music vocabulary terms including melody, pitch, beat, rhythm, meter signature, notes, ostinato, tempo and dynamics

Form

- Students will identify similar and different musical sections in a variety of musical forms

Recorder

- Students will understand the proper technique for playing a soprano recorder
- Students will be able to play the notes B, A and G on the soprano recorder
- Students will read the notes B, A and G on the treble clef staff

