

Pearson 6th Grade Center General Music



2014 Quarter 1 Syllabus

Welcome to General Music! This quarter we will be studying the elements of music. Throughout the quarter, we'll explore WHAT music is, WHY people create music, and HOW we as musicians can express ourselves using sound.

What am I graded on?

Song of the Day (90pts TOTAL): each day, we will listen to a song, then write and discuss how the elements of music are working together to make "quality" music. Each day, we will add our thoughts in our SOD journals, then hand them in 5 at a time, totaling 30pts for 5 entries.

****DUE 9/18, 10/2, & 10/23**

Did you...	Description	Points awarded
Write 3-5 complete sentences? 2 pts.	Writing points will be awarded for constructing meaningful, grammatically correct sentences.	/2
Use our musical vocabulary from the day? 2 pts.	Content points will be awarded for incorporating 2-5 musical terms or concepts.	/2
Try your best? 1 pt.	Effort points will be awarded for trying your hardest and taking risks to do your best.	/1

Participation (5pts/day): we are expected to work hard and act appropriately. This means that we'll keep an open mind, try our best, and work hard to make music class a safe and positive place.

Q1 Core Concepts		
1. Beat, Rhythm, & Notation (KF)	2. Tempo & Dynamics (AH)	3. Pitch, Melody, & Harmony (KF)
4. Texture and Timbre (AH)	5. Form, Measure, & Meter (KF)	6. Technique (AH)

Daily Work: some days there will be an activity or worksheet designed to guide and enhance our learning. These assignments are worth 10pts each and are DUE at the beginning of the next music class.

Mid-Quarter Comparison (30pts): before fall break, we will review the elements of music we've learned so far by comparing and contrasting them in two different songs.

****DUE 10/14**

Final Trailer (50pts): in groups of 4 or 5 we will create a movie trailer showing what we know about the elements of music.

****DUE 11/4**

What do I need for class everyday?

1. Pencil/Pen 2. Notebook 3. Folder 4. iPad & earbuds

Expectations

Be on time. Be respectful. Be prepared. Participate and give a solid effort.

No food, gum or beverages will be allowed in class.

What do I do if I was absent?

If you are absent, you have the opportunity to earn back your participation and song of the day points by completing a make-up day sheet (located on the back bulletin board) and turning it in no later than 1 week after you were gone. If we had daily work on the day you were gone, it will be located in the file organizer (to the left of the homework baskets) for you to pick up and hand in no later than 1 week after your absence.

Final Thoughts...

I'm so glad that you are in this class. I am excited to see you be challenged and grown in your appreciation of music! I hope you have an amazing experience in here and that you will continue to love and enjoy music in the future.

~Mr. Hasty

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