Armstrong Elementary General Music Syllabus (K – 5th)

At Armstrong Elementary, General Music is taught from kindergarten through 5th grade. Units/areas of study include the following:

Kindergarten:

- Steady beat
- Vocal exploration
- Tempo
- Dynamics

1st Grade:

- Steady beat
- Vocal exploration
- Instrument families
- Dynamics

2nd Grade:

- Notes and rests
- Vocal exploration
- Tempo/dynamics
- Instrument families

3rd Grade:

- Notes and rests
- Rhythm reading
- Instrument families
- Treble staff

4th Grade:

- Rhythm reading
- Music literacy/Composition
- Treble staff
- Xylophones

5th Grade:

- Rhythm reading
- Music literacy/Composition
- Treble staff
- Ukuleles

South Carolina State Music Standards

All general music lesson plans and classroom activities are connected to the South Carolina State Music Standards, which are comprised of:

1. **I can compose and arrange music**
2. **I can improvise music**
3. **I can sing alone and with others**
4. **I can play instruments alone and with others**
5. **I can read and notate music**
6. **I can analyze music**
7. **I can evaluate music**
8. **I can examine music from a variety of stylistic and historical periods and cultures**
9. **I can relate music to other arts disciplines, other subjects, and career paths**

Grading

A grade of M (meeting standards) or P (progressing) will be given at the end of each quarter, and will be based on data from both informal and formal assessments, as well as participation and overall behavior in music class.