

First Grade Music CURRICULUM MAP

UNIT NAME/LENGTH	ESSENTIAL QUESTION	BIG IDEA	STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO...
Exploring Sound and Music Foundations ONGOING	"How can we listen carefully to different sounds and understand what makes music?"	Exploring sounds helps us develop our listening skills and discover the building blocks of music in the world around us.	• Identify different sounds and instruments • Explore high/low pitch and loud/soft dynamics • Develop focused listening skills
Singing and Vocal Skills ONGOING	"How can we use our voices to sing songs accurately and expressively?"	Developing control and confidence in our voices allows us to sing with accuracy, expression, and joy.	• Sing simple songs from memory • Explore pitch matching and vocal tone • Practice singing with proper breath support
Rhythm and Movement	"How can we feel and create steady beats and rhythms	Understanding and practicing rhythm and beat connects our sense of timing with	• Keep a steady beat using body or instruments

	using our bodies and instruments?"	movement and helps make music come alive.	• Recognize and perform basic rhythmic patterns • Move expressively to music •
Instrument Families and Sound Exploration	"How can we recognize and describe different musical instruments and the sounds they make?"	Exploring various instruments and their sounds helps us understand how music is created and the unique role of each instrument family.	• Identify common instrument families (percussion, strings, winds) • Experiment with classroom instruments • Describe instrument sounds
Creative Expression and Improvisation	"How can we use music and movement to create and express our own ideas?"	Improvise and express ourselves through music and movement to develop creativity and personal connection to sound.	• Improvise simple rhythms and melodies • Create movements inspired by music • Respond creatively to different musical

			styles
Performance and Reflection	"How can we share what we've learned through music and reflect on our growth as performers?"	Performing helps us build confidence and celebrate our progress, while reflection deepens our understanding and inspires continued growth.	• Prepare songs or rhythms to perform • Demonstrate confidence and focus during performances • Reflect on personal musical progress