

Fourth Grade Beginning Band Class - January  
 Unit/Module Scope & Sequence  
 (Learning to occur with a specific topic/piece of text)

**Unit Title:**

Moving Along with our Instruments (also NYSSMA Solo Festival Preparation for some students)

**Topic:** *(Brief Description of Title, what we want the kids to learn)*

An introduction to playing our instrument (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion). Students will become familiar with the instrument they have chosen to play, learn about its parts and the beginnings of playing it and will also learn how to work as part of a band to create beautiful music.

Some students will also be introduced to the idea of playing a solo and competing in a solo festival through their participation in the NYSSMA State Solo Festival.

**Month:**

January

**Unit Focus Standards:** *(Common Core Learning Standards that are focus in the unit.)*

**NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION:**

- Standard 1 – Singing alone and with others a varied repertoire of music (a, b, c, e)
- Standard 2 – Performing on instruments alone and with others a varied repertoire of music (a, b, d)
- Standard 6 – Listening to, analyzing and describing music (b, c, d, e)
- Standard 8 – Understanding relationships between music, the other arts and disciplines outside the arts (b)
- Standard 9 – Understanding music in relation to history and culture (d,e)

• **COMMON CORE ALLIGNEMNT – MATH**

Domain	Core Curriculum Standard	Music
Counting & Cardinality	Know number names & counting sequence	Know rhythmic value of notes and rests Count basic rhythms
Operations & Algebraic Thinking	Represent addition/subtract with objects Generate and analyze patterns	Performance of rhythmic/tonal patterns
Number & Operations-Fractions	Understand fractions as numbers Understand fraction equivalents	Rhythmic values of notes & rests Measures Rhythm pyramid (whole, half, quarter, etc.)

Measurement & Data	Classify objects & count number of objects Work with time Measure lengths Describe & compare measurable attributes Represent and interpret data	Time signature Organize sound over time (rhythmic aspect) Tempo Intervals
Geometry	Identify and describe shapes Graph points to solve real-world problems Making inferences and justifying conclusions from observation	Form Melodic contour
Ratio & Proportional Relationships	Ratio concepts and use reasoning to solve problems	Vertical arrangement of rhythmic relationships (rhythms lining up between parts)

• **COMMON CORE ALIGNMENT – ELA:**

Strand	Core Curriculum standard	Music
Reading for Literature	Recount stories, fables, etc. Words/phrases describe rhythm & meaning Overall structure of story Different points of view of characters Identify who is telling story Compare/contrast 2 or more versions of story Determine theme and analyze it's development Compare/contrast written work to media version Make connections between written text and other perspectives	Rhythms, patterns, repetition, form Form Texture & balance
Reading for Information	Questions re: details of text Know/use text features Meaning of domain specific words Describe overall structure of events, ideas, concepts or info Distinguish own point of view Engage in group reading w/purpose & understanding	Critical listening Expressive markings in music Music specific vocabulary Form Sing and play with others
Reading Foundational Skills	Print concepts Phonological awareness Phonics & word recognition Fluency	Read music notation, follow own part Sound production, diction, articulation Lyrics, rhythm, note reading Music reading, practice for fluency
Writing	Write opinion supporting point of view Draw evidence from text for analysis Write information/explanatory texts Production and distribution of writing Short research projects Write to support analysis of topics or text Create text in response to literary work	Critical responses Reflection, improvement plan
Speaking & Listening	Ask/answer questions to clarify comprehension Create multimedia presentation of stories or poems Engage in collaborative discussions Initiate and participate effectively in collaborative work Evaluate speaker's point of view Include multimedia components to clarify information Make strategic use of digital media	Critical listening for performance in ensemble Create audio recording of performance Rehearsals, peer evaluation Analyze music composition
Language	Identify connections between words & their use Correct use for frequently confused words Use knowledge of language to write, speak, read, listen	Musical vocabulary Clarify misused vocabulary (hi/low, soft/loud)

	Use nuances in word meanings Distinguish shades of meanings Acquire & use domain-specific words and phrases Demonstrate command of conventions of standard English	Use music vocabulary to describe music Various tempi/expressive markings Write or speak about music Phrasing, articulation, expression markings
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**Overview/Objectives/I Can Statement associated with the Unit/Topic: *(Description of Learning to Occur)***

I can explain and demonstrate the basic technique, posture, breathing, reading and playing skills for my instrument.

I can put my instrument together and take it apart without any help.

I can hold my instrument properly.

I can play my notes with a nice tone, proper posture and proper breathing.

I can use my instruments and work with a variety of rhythmic and melodic patterns to develop good instrumental technique / proficiency on my instrument.

I can use the sheet music to learn their parts for the concert, I can read my part and know what notes to play and when to play them.

I can practice good rehearsal etiquette.

I can play at least one major scale from memory.

**\*\*For NYSSMA Participants**

- I can play the beginning of my NYSSMA Solo
- I can sight-read simple selections

## Lessons for the Unit: *Summary of lessons that correlate to the unit*

The Fourth Graders will continue focusing on building strong basic instrumental technique including work with:

- Assembling and disassembling instruments safely and properly
- Instrument care and maintenance
- Proper tone production and embouchure formation (stick holding technique for percussionists)
- Playing position / posture
- Note reading skills
- Rhythm reading skills
- Balanced ensemble playing
- Teamwork and patience ☺

New playing skills to be covered:

- Staccato playing
- Tenuto Playing
- Legato Playing
- Playing eighth notes
- The single eighth note
- Tied Rhythms
- The Dotted Half Note
- Trying to play in more than one part (bass and melody line playing)

We will be working with the **Band Brilliance** method book curriculum and supplementing student instruction with other method and / or solo literature as appropriate.

### **Band Brilliance Page Completion:**

- Pages 9-15 (hopefully)

## **Differentiated Learning Activities: *i.e. Judy Dodge, SIOP etc.***

**Content Vocabulary:** *(Vocabulary consistent with content/topics learned)*

Band, conductor, performer, composer, section, solo, duet, ensemble, instrument names (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, percussion, snare drum, bass drum, piano) music stand, repertoire, treble staff (or bass staff, depending on instrument), treble clef (or bass clef, depending on instrument), measure, bar line, double bar line, phrase, breath mark, quarter note, quarter rest, half note, half rest, whole note, fingering, harmony, beat, melody, meter, time signature, key signature, major scale, rehearsal, etiquette, unison, pitch, "in tune", rhythm, beat, posture, practice, metronome, circle of fifths, transposition, pick up note, roll

**Assessments:** *(i.e.-Writing, Graphic Organizers, Rubrics, Extended Response etc.)Assessments for this unit*

**Through teacher observation:**

- **Student ability to maintain a steady beat**
- **Student ability to sing / speak and differentiate between the two**
- **Student ability to correctly identify classroom instruments**
- **Student ability to use instruments properly**

Students may also be assessed individually through the *Band Karate! Program*. Students may elect to see Mrs. Kamp either at recess or at the end of their lesson and be "tested" on their assigned songs to earn karate belts for their cases. All Karate tests have been attached to this document behind the lesson plans. Students must test in order and must complete all parts of the test with few to no mistakes to earn their belts. Students may test as many times as they want. Teacher will provide feedback if a belt is not awarded so that students know where to focus their practice.

Depending on how they are doing with their instrument, some students have been invited to participate in the NYSSMA State Solo Festival. These students will be receiving an additional lesson each week where they will be working on their NYSSMA solo, sight reading skills and learning 3 major scales ascending and descending from memory.

## Suggested Resources:

***Band Brilliance Method Book*** Volume I

Karate belts and testing sheets

Practice sheets (also attached to this packet)

Student instrument and Amagansett School Band Binder

Pencil