

Music 1

SING * PLAY * MOVE * CREATE



REPORTED STANDARDS

PERFORMING

Students will demonstrate their ability to perform songs with choreography and instrumental parts via informal classroom performances and two formal concerts.

RESPONDING

Students will demonstrate their ability to respond to the sounds that they hear through conversation, movement, improvisation and drawing.

CREATING

Students will demonstrate their ability to create and notate individual short melodic compositions and small group compositions in response to pictorial stimuli

INSTRUCTION INCLUDES SONGS, GAMES, DANCES AND STORIES.

In First Grade, students learn how the fundamentals of music work together (pitch, beat, rhythm, timbre, dynamics) and explore music as a means of expression. Students sing in every lesson and develop their ability to pitch specific notes in their voice and blend their voice in the vocal ensemble. Students learn to play classroom instruments including glockenspiels, xylophones, boomwhackers, and untuned percussion instruments and they build stamina to rehearse and perform music as an ensemble. First graders are introduced to rhythmic notation and start using a reduced staff to read and write simple melodic patterns. Through listening activities, students learn about a variety of instruments and begin to explore musical character.

AT ASL, WE FOLLOW THE U.S. NATIONAL CORE ARTS STANDARDS. THE FOUR STRANDS ARE :

1

CONNECT

2

PERFORM

3

RESPOND

4

CREATE

HOW DO FIRST GRADES LEARN?

Grade 1 students learn through singing, speaking, moving and playing instruments. Games and songs with instrumental parts and body percussion give students the experience of working together as an ensemble and they explore the fundamentals of music through repetition and improvisation. Just as children learn to speak before learning to read, students in music class will experience singing, playing instruments and speaking about music before being introduced to standard music notation.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often do students have Music in Grade 1?

Students have 3 sessions of 30 minutes every cycle (90 minutes every 8 day cycle).

What instruments will my child learn to play in Grade 1? Your child will play a variety of instruments including glockenspiels, xylophones, boomwhackers, hand drums, and other assorted small percussion instruments.

Do you have any recommendations for private music teachers? We do not endorse any outside music providers so it is best to ask other ASL families and community members for private music teacher recommendations.



How can we support the learning at home? Listen to a variety of music. Encourage singing and dancing at home. Read about favorite musicians. Consider learning an instrument outside of school. Check out Seesaw throughout the year for home learning music activities.

Olwen has been teaching First Grade Music at ASL since 2014. As she works at ASL part-time, Olwen also teaches recorder and musicianship at the specialist music school, Trinity Laban conservatoire of Music and Dance, and she is an academic music lecturer at the Royal Academy of Music. Olwen is a professional musician specializing in 18th Century music and performs regularly with chamber ensembles and orchestras around the UK and Europe and on BBC Radio 3.

When not teaching or performing, Olwen enjoys open water swimming and reading.

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