



The music standards in the elementary years focus on general music knowledge and skills to ensure a solid foundation for the opportunity for more specialized musical study in later years. In each elementary grade, students investigate and perform various music styles and genres, examine the language of music through identifying and writing simple music notation, consider simple musical composition processes, and develop the ability to describe their own musical preferences as well as critique the music of others.

Expectations for 3rd Grade Students:

- **Expression of Music (Perform/Present):** Accurately demonstrate basic singing and playing techniques (singing using proper breathing, holding instruments/bows/mallets appropriately); demonstrate increased musical literacy such as keeping a steady beat with changing rhythmic patterns and following a simple accompaniment (background music).
- **Creation of Music (Create):** Create music to follow a plan.
- **Theory of Music (Know/Comprehend):** Read, write and demonstrate knowledge of various music notation symbols.
- **Aesthetic Valuation of Music (Appreciate and Understand):** Compare music from various cultures and evaluate the quality of performances.

Throughout 3rd Grade You May Find Students:

- Singing or playing songs.
- Putting new sounds and ideas into a plan.
- Matching rhythms and sounds heard in songs.
- Explaining and justifying personal musical choices.
- Discussing music of various cultures.