



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 2nd Grade Students:

- **Expression of Music (Perform/Present):** Perform simple musical patterns, songs, and respond to teacher and peer feedback to improve musical skills.
- **Creation of Music (Create):** Create instrumental and vocal patterns to accompany poems, rhymes, and stories.
- **Theory of Music (Know/Comprehend):** Use musical vocabulary to accurately identify music elements (dynamics-loud/soft, simple types of notes, patterns of notes, types of tones-low/high); recognize changes in tempo (speed) and dynamics (volume), and recognize types of instruments.
- **Aesthetic Valuation of Music (Appreciate and Understand):** Explore and discuss music from various cultures and discuss music students like.

Throughout 2nd Grade You May Find Students:

- Singing or playing a variety of simple songs.
- Choosing movements to complement sounds.
- Composing, with a teacher and fellow students, new sounds or ideas.
- Demonstrating learned rhythms through a variety of ways.
- Discussing a song from another culture.
- Expressing opinions (like and dislikes) about particular pieces of music.