

5th Grade General Music

45 classes, meeting every other day for 1 semester

Unit 1: Rhythm and Composition (20 class periods)

- We review basic note and rest values, learn more ways of dividing beats using numbers and simple fractions (no smaller than $\frac{1}{4}$), learn how to transfer from a simple counting pattern to a complex counting pattern, and learn how to write simple, performable rhythms. Students achieve learning through games and practice with clapping and on a variety of instruments.

Unit 2: Recorders and Performance (15 class periods)

- We review note reading using treble clef and the fingerings for the standard first 3 notes (B, A, G), practice music reading ability with simple songs, learn up to 6 new fingerings (allowing for more advanced students to learn harder songs), learn how to perform with others independently in a duet format, and perform for the class at the end of the unit.

Unit 3: Musical Instruments (10 class periods)

- Review basic note families and take an in-depth look at which instruments belong to what families and why, learn to identify instruments by sight and sound, have an opportunity to play own band instruments for class, and to try one of each brass and percussion instruments.