

SYLLABUS FOR 6th GRADE MUSIC APPRECIATION

Overview:

Sixth Grade Music Appreciation is a one semester exploratory block in which students will review and advance their knowledge of basic music elements to assist them in interpreting and discussing the properties of all styles of music. The focus of sixth grade music is American music, particularly blues, jazz, and music theater.

Textbooks and Other Resources Used:

- Silver Burdett Music Series – “Making Music, Grade 6” Student Books
- CDs and accompanying resource materials
- American Music – “America Music 1920-2000” and accompanying videos
- Ken Burns’ PBS Jazz Series DVDs
- *West Side Story* DVD
- Boomwhackers® tuned percussion tubes and mallets
- Boomwhackers® notebooks

Outline of Content:

- Develop an awareness of the elements of music and how composers use them
- Review time signature, notes, and their values, and introduce dotted rhythms
- Introduce various scales
- Acquire skill in reading notes on the Grand Staff
- Explore the composers of American music
- Write blues lyrics and sing with guitar accompaniment
- Compose eight-measure compositions to play on Boomwhackers® demonstrating principals acquired in music notation