Grade Level Expectation – First Grade

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First grade students will study the following music objectives. Each objective is taught through multiple teaching strategies including physical preparation, aural preparation, and visual preparation. After objectives have been identified and named, they will be practiced through reading, writing, part work, inner hearing, listening, and improvisation. Learning is built on the foundation of song literature, games and concepts learned in Kindergarten. Each class includes vocal activities to promote in-tune singing.

Objectives for assessment to be completed by the end of first grade:

1. Musical Skill: Student will sing with accurate pitch on simple pitch patterns, and perform the steady beat and simple ostinato patterns.
2. Literacy: Student will interpret simple rhythm patterns using q, sd, Z; and recognize and notate melodic patterns using so, mi, la.
3. Literacy: Student will use notation of bar lines and measures to identify meter.
4. Analysis: Student will identify specific musical instruments, and identify expressive elements: Tempo: fast and slow; Dynamics: loud and soft, getting louder, getting softer; Register: high, middle and low pitch; and Form: AB, ABA, Question/Answer
5. History and Literature: Student will distinguish between different musical styles, and identify songs; instrumental and vocal. **Special Units**: Peter and the Wolf – Sergei Prokofiev; and Surprise Symphony – Joseph Haydn