Grade Level Expectation – Second Grade

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Second 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. Each class includes vocal activities to promote in-tune singing.

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

1. Musical Skill: Student will sing with accurate pitch on specific pitch patterns; and perform the steady beat and simple rhythm patterns.
2. Literacy: Student will interpret rhythm patterns using qsqw Z; recognize and notate melodic patterns using so, mi, la, do and re; and use notation: bar lines, repeat sign, measure, final bar line, meter sign and staff.
3. Analysis: Student will identify the four instrument families of the orchestra and selected instruments; and identify expressive elements: Tempo: fast, slow, getting faster, getting slower; Dynamics: piano, forte, accent, getting louder, getting softer; Form: AB, ABA, Rondo, Question/Answer.
4. History and Literature: Student will distinguish between the musical styles of legato

(smooth) and staccato (detached); and identify specific musical works. **Special Units**: The Nutcracker – Peter Tchaikovsky; and Carnival of the Animals – Camille Saint-Saens