



Preparatory Music

Course Overview

Kindergarteners learn about music through lively activities, including listening, singing, and moving. Through games and folk songs from diverse cultures, students learn musical concepts such as high and low, or loud and soft. Creative movement activities help students enjoy the music of composers such as Grieg and Haydn.

Students will:

- Sing along with folk songs
- Practice moving to music
- Listen actively to different kinds of music
- Understand concepts such as high and low, fast and slow, long and short, loud and soft
- Identify and contrast beat and rhythm

Course Outline

Beat and Melodic Direction

- Students identify high and low sounds
- Students walk to the beat of music in a moderate tempo

Moving Faster and Slower

- Students identify fast and slow music
- Students identify the difference between beat and rhythm

Music Goes Up and Music Goes Down

- Students recognize melodies that go up or down in pitch

Music Can Be Loud or Soft

- Students identify and perform soft and loud sounds

Sounds Can Be Long or Short

- Students identify short and long notes in rhythmic patterns

Beat and Beat Division

- Students walk the beat in their feet and divide the beat in their hands

Melodies Can Change Directions

- Students trace the melodic direction of melodies that ascend, descend, or have one change in direction

More About Rhythm and Beat

- Students walk the beat and clap several different rhythm patterns in duple and triple meter

More About High and Low

- Students identify high and low notes in high/low and low/high patterns
- Students sing patterns in tune using the head voice.

Lesson Time and Scheduling

Total lessons: 72. If you teach Music twice a week, you can comfortably complete the program within a typical school year.

Lesson Time: 45 minutes. You might choose to split the lessons into smaller segments. K¹²'s online lesson tracking system allows you to pick up wherever you left off in any given lesson.

Standard Curriculum Items

Let's Learn Music Video, Volume K

Let's Listen CD, Volume K

Let's Sing CD, Volume K

Tambourine

Slide Whistle

NOTE: List subject to change.