

# April Gr. 3 Music

Content Area: **Music**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **March**  
Length: **4-5 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Creating ★ Connecting ★ Performing ★ Responding

Students will explore different musical instruments and discover music's influence in storytelling.

## Enduring Understandings

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Music enhances storytelling.

Instruments make different sounds and are categorized by thier function.

## Essential Questions

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How can music dramatize a story?

What are the different classifciations of musical instruments?

## Technology Integration

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Students will interact with the unit using the Smartboard.

CS.3-5.8.1.5.CS.2

Model how computer software and hardware work together as a system to accomplish tasks.

Software and hardware work together as a system to accomplish tasks (e.g., sending, receiving, processing, and storing units of information).

## Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills

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TECH.9.4.5.CI

Creativity and Innovation

TECH.9.4.5.CI.3

Participate in a brainstorming session with individuals with diverse perspectives to expand one's thinking about a topic of curiosity (e.g., 8.2.5.ED.2, 1.5.5.CR1a).

TECH.9.4.5.CI.4	Research the development process of a product and identify the role of failure as a part of the creative process (e.g., W.4.7, 8.2.5.ED.6).
TECH.9.4.5.GCA.1	Analyze how culture shapes individual and community perspectives and points of view (e.g., 1.1.5.C2a, RL.5.9, 6.1.5.HistoryCC.8).
TECH.9.4.5.IML.1	<p>Evaluate digital sources for accuracy, perspective, credibility and relevance (e.g., Social Studies Practice - Gathering and Evaluating Sources).</p> <p>Curiosity and a willingness to try new ideas (intellectual risk-taking) contributes to the development of creativity and innovation skills.</p> <p>Digital tools and media resources provide access to vast stores of information, but the information can be biased or inaccurate.</p>

### Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

Objectives	Suggested Activities	Evaluations	Resources
Demonstrate rhythmic sensitivity to rhythm patterns	Comparing and contrasting pieces	Teacher observation	Grade 5
Respond to a variety of musical styles and moods	Choosing a playing instruments appropriate to characters in a story	Performance assessment	Classroom pitched
Recognize that music can help dramatize a story	Recognize the terms “strings”, “woodwind”, “brass” and “percussion”	Oral/Aural assessment	Piano
	Listening to and identifying examples of individual instrument timbres	Games	Record Prokofiev
	Understanding sound production of brass, string, woodwind and percussion instruments		Animation video
			Mother Goose
			Nutcracker
			Interactive

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## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.RI.3.1	Ask and answer questions, and make relevant connections to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.
LA.RI.3.4	Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.
LA.SL.3.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

## Differentiation

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- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.
- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.
- **Definitions of Differentiation Components:**
  - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
  - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
  - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
  - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

### **Differentiation occurring in this unit:**

Students will be offered support and challenges as determined by teacher evaluation.

## Modifications & Accommodations

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Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

### **Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

IEP's and 504 plans will be utilized.

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

**Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

**Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Teacher made pre and post assessments to measure growth over time.

## **Formative Assessments**

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

**Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

Teacher observation

Performance assessment

Oral/Aural assessment

Games

## **Summative Assessments**

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**Summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of ways to combine these approaches.

**Summative assessments for this unit:**

Teacher observation

Performance assessment

Oral/Aural assessment

Games

## **Instructional Materials**

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Grade 3 Book

Classroom pitched and non-pitched instruments

Piano

Recording *Peter and the Wolf* Prokofiev

Animated *Peter and the Wolf* video

*Mother Goose Suite*/Ravel

Nutcracker Suite/ Tchaikovsky

Interactive smartboard

## Standards

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MU.3-5.1.3A.5.Cr3b	Present to others final versions of personally and collaboratively created music that demonstrate craftsmanship. Explain connection to expressive intent.
MU.3-5.1.3A.5.Pr4e	Convey creator's intents through the performers' interpretive decisions of expanded expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tempo, timbre, articulation/style).
MU.3-5.1.3A.5.Re7a	Demonstrate and explain, citing evidence, how selected music connects to and is influenced by specific interests, experiences, purposes, or contexts.
MU.3-5.1.3A.5.Re9a	Demonstrate and explain how the expressive qualities (e.g., dynamics, tempo, timbre, articulation) are used in performers' and personal interpretations to reflect expressive intent.