3rd Grade Music Benchmarks

1st Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Descriptions
Participates in Singing	
Performs simple rhythmic patterns independently	Chord, broken, level and arpeggiated borduns. Ostinato accompaniments using body percussion, xylophones and unpitched percussion.
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	Space notes on the staff

2nd Semester Assessed Benchmarks	Benchmark Descriptions
Participates in Singing	
Performs simple melodic patterns independently	do pentatonic patterns/songs on barred instruments
Reads notated rhythms in varied time meters	2nd grade rhythms plus syncopa
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	Line notes on the staff
Identifies various instruments by sight and sound	Percussion, Strings, Brass and Woodwind

Year-Long Instructed Benchmarks	Benchmark Descriptions
Sings songs of various styles with changes in dynamics and expression	2nd grade concepts plus accents
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Benchmarks cont.	
Sings harmony	2&3 part, rounds, ostinatos, partner songs
Echoes short rhythmic and melodic patterns	Melodic: echo do pentatonic with instruments and voice. Rhythmic: echo 4-8 beats using 2nd grade rhythms plus syncopa using body percussion and unpitched percussion
Reads notated rhythms in varied time meters	2nd grade rhythms plus syncopa
Demonstrates the ability to read pitch notation	reinforce do pentatonic
Knows musical symbols and terms	2nd grade concepts plus syncopa, accent and treble clef
Demonstrates understanding of various musical elements	AB and ABA Form
Understands music's role in history of mankind	immigration, pioneers
Identifies music which represents various genres and styles	Folk music of immigration and pioneers