
Lead Guitar Milestones:

Grades 3-5 – Based on the desired curriculum pacing **for classes that meet two times per week for 45 minutes to 1 hour each time**. Classes meet the AZ Arts Standards for General Music for grades 3-5 in the areas of Performing, Responding and Connecting.

End of Quarter 1

Method Book I Level One (first half)

Key Pieces of Music Students Should Be Able to Perform

1. Rain, Rain
2. Ant
3. Ring Around the Rosy

Learning Objectives

1. Understanding the principles of ergonomic technique
2. Reading music in standard notation

Technique focus

- Alternating right hand rest strokes

End of Quarter 2

Method Book I Level One and Two

Key Pieces of Music Students Should Be Able to Perform

1. Twinkle
2. Ode to Joy
3. Mouse

Learning Objectives

1. Playing and reading one octave of notes in C
2. Refining the principles of ergonomic technique

End of Quarter 3

Method Book I Level Two

Key Pieces of Music Students Should Be Able to Perform

1. Swan
2. Oh, Susannah
3. Eine Kleine Nachtmusik

Learning Objectives

1. Dotted notes
2. Tied notes
3. Playing in a variety of meters

Technique focus

- Left hand fourth finger and contractions

End of Quarter 4

Method Book I Level Two and Three

Key Pieces of Music Students Should Be Able to Perform

1. English Dance
2. Irish Jig
3. Frog

Learning Objectives

1. Playing in large and small ensembles with 3 or more independent lines
2. Playing in a variety of meters
3. Sharps and flats
4. Staccato, Legato