

Los Angeles Unified School District – Arts Education Branch Elementary Music Instruction Guide

Module 1: Making Music with Singing and Playing

Module 2: Learning the Written Language of Music

Module 3: Learning About Music in Our Community and the World

Module 4: Expressing Ideas and Feelings Through Music

Grade 2 Theme	Music tells us about the world.				
Enduring Understanding	Adding different textures to singing and playing makes music more interesting.				
	 Essential Questions How can we use our voices in different ways to make music? What can we add to music to make it sound different? How do the different sounds of instruments change the music? 				
California	2.1	Sing with accuracy in a developmentally appropriate range.			
Standards Addressed	2.3	Play rhythmic ostinatos on classroom instruments.			
	2.4	Improvise simple rhythmic and melodic accompaniments, using voice and a variety of classroom instruments.			
Sample Performance Task	With a small group, use rhythm instruments or body percussion to play a rhythmic ostinato of four to eight beats for a song you know, while the rest of the class sings the song.				
	 Suggested Rubric Students are able to independently and accurately perform the ostinato throughout the song. Students sing with good intonation, using their head voice. Students play in time with the music. 				

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Developing Concepts

1. SINGING: Singing and talking use differe different ways.	nt parts of ou	r voice and require us to use our body in		
Knowledge		Skills		
Vocabulary Singing voice Speaking voice Shouting (Calling) voice Echo/Imitation Call/Response High/Low	a • C • S • M • C	 Differentiate between speaking, singing, and shouting Chant a rhyme with the speaking voice Sing in head voice Match pitch Copy what is heard (echo-sing) 		
Melody	• k	 Use belly breathing Keep a steady beat while singing a song or speaking a rhyme 		
Sources: (2nd Grade :	ESTED STEP			
MM= <u>Making Music:</u> 2008 California Edit	ion. STM=Share	the Music MC=Music Connection		
FOCUS	SOURCE	SONGS/ACTIVITIES		
 Differentiate between spoken chants and songs Echo speak rhyme while patting steady beat. Ask students whether they are singing or speaking. Discuss how singing & speaking are the same and different (no melody when we speak). Make up a simple So-Mi-La melody for the rhyme to contrast speaking/singing. Discuss where people use spoken chants (jump rope, sports events/cheerleaders, rap/hip hop). Differentiate between singing voice (head 	STM Other	Riddle Ree Mississippi River Chant Worms Marching Hello • Different languages • Solo opportunities Bate, Bate Say (Play) Your Name Toaster Time Two Little Sausages Jump Rope Rhymes Cheerleader chants Hip-hop/Rap (listening)		
 voice) and talking voice. Experience different parts of the voice. Prepare for singing: Prepare the body (stretching). Prepare breath (hiss rhythmic patterns). Prepare voice (sirens, echos). Speak the words to a song, then echosing the melody. Discuss the differences between singing and 		(Call/Response) Che Che Koolay (Echo) Michael Row the Boat Ashore (Call/Response) Lots of Worms Miss Mary Mack Heigh-Ho Every Morning When I Wake Up Hello • Different languages • Solo opportunities		

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speaking:	STM	Chicken Soup with Rice
 Singing voice is higher. 		Bill Grogan's Goat (Echo)
 Singing sounds are more 		Down By the Bay (Echo)
sustained and require more		Mi Cuerpo (My Body)
breath.		John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt
 Singing in head voice requires 		
more energy and breath.		
 Have students put a hand on 		
their chest to feel the vibrations		
when they talk or use a low		
voice. Explore how they		
cannot feel vibrations in their		
chest when they use their head		
voice for singing.		

2. TEXTURE: We can use rhythm patterns to add layers to poems or songs for added interest.						
Knowledge		Skills				
Vocabulary	• C • U • te	Clap the rhythm of words. Copy rhythms, using body percussion. Use rhythm instruments with proper echnique. Itay in tempo, accurately maintain a hythmic ostinato while listening to music.				
SUGGESTED STEPS Sources: (2nd Grade Books, unless otherwise stated) MM=Making Music: 2008 California Edition, STM=Share the Music, MC=Music Connection						
FOCUS	SOURCE	SONGS/ACTIVITIES				
Make rhythmic ostinatos for a rhyme or	MM	Riddle Ree				
 Use selected words and rhythms from text or have class make up their own words. Then speak the words as an ostinato while they sing or listen to the song. Use body percussion in the same rhythm as the words. Divide into groups, with one singing 		Mississippi River Chant Go Around the Corn, Sally Che Che Koolay Lots of Worms Worms Marching Heigh-Ho Falling Rain I Got Shoes Puff, the Magic Dragon				

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and one playing/saying the ostinato. Layer more than one ostinato at a time while listening to the music, or while one group is singing.	MM STM	Same Train Shoo, Fly Yankee Doodle Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah Bate, Bate Chicken Soup with Rice Goin' to the Zoo John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt Shoo, Fly Yankee Doodle
 Use classroom instruments to play the ostinato Play the instrument and speak the words of the ostinato. Play the ostinato without saying the words. Divide into groups, as above. Layer ostinatos, using body percussion for one and instruments for the other. 	Same	Same as above

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