

## GRADE 5 MUSIC CURRICULUM

Grade Level Focus:

# **Music is a Pathway to Understanding**

### Developmental Stage

Students in the fifth grade are approaching Piaget's age of Formal Operations. They are beginning to have the ability to consider many possibilities for a given condition. They are able to deal with propositions that explain concrete facts. They have the ability to use planning to think ahead.

Abstract reasoning

Understand nuance and irony

Compare and contrast universal concepts

Sustain interest in longer – attention span increases – leave and come back

Read longer works

Highly defined fine motor skills

Beginning of inhibitions

Sense of what is accepted – image-making

Intentional improv leading to product

