

Area Concert Songs

During the 2nd Learning Cycle, your child will be learning some basic songs that we will call “Area Concert Songs”. These songs will be performed at an evening event in February at the local high school called the Area Concert. Attendance at this concert is mandatory. Specific dates and times are still to be determined.

When listening and watching your child, listen for a good sound (tone quality) and look for proper playing position and good posture. Your child should be able to play each of the songs along the following timeline:

Music Grades

All students in grades 5 receive music grades during the 2nd and 3rd Learning Cycles. All music grades will be the same as the rest of the academic subjects: 4, 3, 2, 1. All students should be working toward the grade level standard(s) in music (Benchmark songs). By the end of January, your child should be able to play Claire de Lune (p. 15 line 32) and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star (p. 32 line 45), This Old Man (p. 34 line 52), and Ode to Joy (p. 34 line 54) with his/her book.

Rubric for 2nd Learning Cycle 4th Grade String Grades

3	2	1
Your child is able to play Claire de Lune, Twinkle, This Old Man & Ode to Joy with good tone quality (good sound), posture, and position.	Your child is working toward being able to play Claire de Lune, Twinkle, This Old Man & Ode to Joy with good tone quality (good sound), posture, and position.	Your child is struggling to play Claire de Lune, Twinkle, This Old Man & Ode to Joy with good tone quality (good sound), posture, and position.

Practice Songs online at:

<http://www.mrwentzel.com/bandpractice.html>

Thank you,

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Due the Week of February 6th