

Concert band, Symphonic Band, Wind Symphony

First Grade Period Explanation of Assignments

Handbook Signature Return

You will earn 10 points by returning Handbook Parent Signature by Monday, August 29.  
2 Points off for each day it is late.

Written Rhythm Quiz

You will be expected to write in the counts to a rhythm using the 1+2+ method of counting.

Performance Rhythm Quiz

You will be expected to sight perform a rhythm. Rhythms for this quiz will be the same difficulty as the written quiz take earlier in the week.

Instrument Check

Checking your instrument proper playing condition.

Brass

Clean Mouthpiece, round shank

Clean Leadpipe

Greased Slides

Water Key corks

Woodwinds

Clean mouthpiece/head joint

Greased corks (clarinet/oboe/bassoon/saxophone)

Clean head joint and foot joint (flute)

Check pads for leaks

Percussion

You earn your points by informing Mr. Ley when an instrument needs addressed

Equipment Check

**All Students**

1 inch three ring binder

Pencil

Name tag on instrument

**Brass** Valve Oil, Mouthpiece Brush, Slide Grease

**Woodwinds** Cork Grease, swab, three reeds, reed keeper

**Percussion** Concert snare sticks with name

Scale Assignments

I. Playing Concert Eb and Bb from memory. You will repeat this assignment until scales are memorized.

II. I Playing Concert Ab and Db from memory. You will repeat this assignment until scales are memorized.

#### Listening Critique, in class

A portion of a rehearsal will be utilized for a listening activity. It is important to hear a quality band as an example of which we are striving. Response will be hand written.

#### Listening Critique

A video specific to your instrument will be placed on the band web site. You will need to access the site at home. If home access is not available, please address the issue BEFORE the week it is due.

#### Additional Assignments

These may be written, listening or performing assignments. Assignments will be band specific.

#### Daily Points

You receive 3 points for each day of rehearsal. 1 point for contributing to the ensemble in a positive manner; 1 point for having all materials for class (music, folder, pencil, instrument, etc); 1 point for displaying proper discipline during class.