CURRICULUM SYLLABUS

MR. McSymphony’s™ Music Appreciation Program

For the First Grade

**“The Life of a Symphony Orchestra”**

**General Information:**

This is a first grade three lesson music appreciation program. Each lesson will take about 40 minutes and involves engagement of all differentiated students. The lessons include stories and music of various composers. When completed the students will understand instruments, and their sounds, in the four instrument sections (string, woodwind, horn and percussion) in a symphony orchestra. Words, and their meaning, used my musicians will be reviewed as conductor and baton. Each lesson will end with a discussion and a project engaging all differentiated students.

The lesson titles are: “**An Introduction to a Symphony Orchestra**”,” **Stories of Five Composers and their Music**”, and “**Stories of Five Composers and their Music**”.

**LESSON #1 “An Introduction to a Symphony Orchestra”**

The first lesson reviews the symphony stage, the location of the instruments on the stage, words used by musicians and two music pieces with their related stories.

**LESSON #2 “Stories of five Composers and their Music”**

The second lesson reviews specific instruments on a symphony stage. These instruments are: piano, horns, flute, and violin. The students will learn the stories of various composers and then listen to the music of the various instruments. Some activity is included to enhance the experience.

**LESSON #3 “Stories of Five Composers and their Music”**

The third lesson exposes the students to stories of composers and how music can be pictured. The students will take a trip through our solar system, learn the sounds of a rain storm, and picture ballet and circus music.