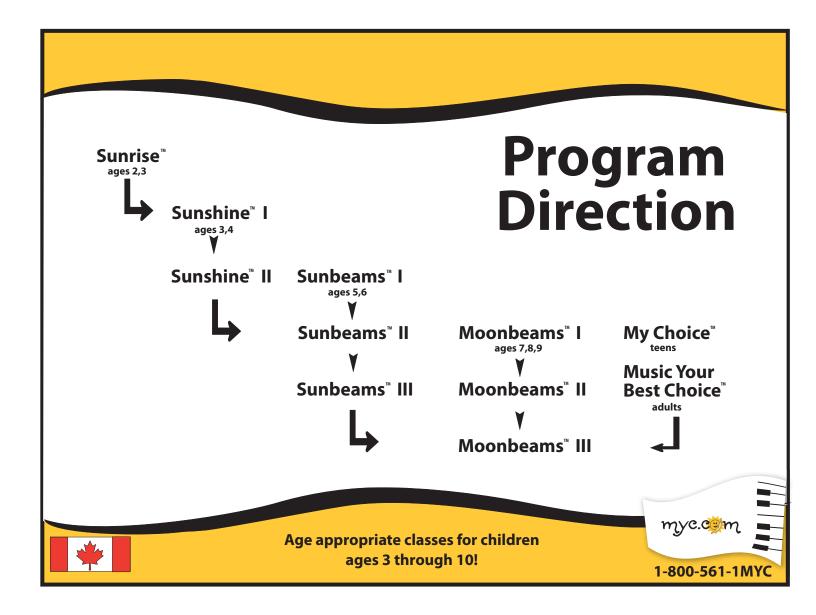


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Course Sampler



Mission Statement

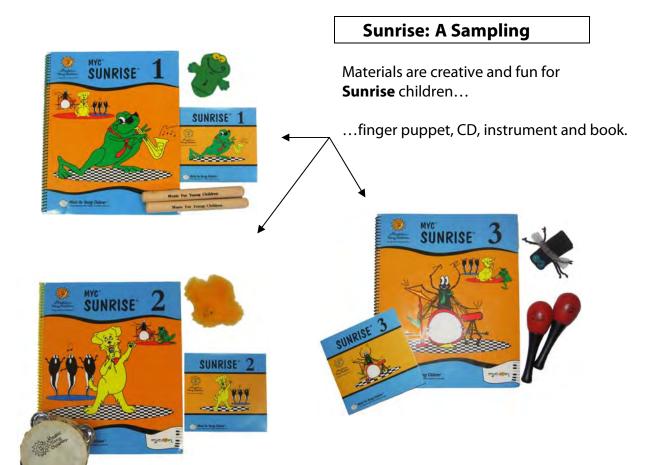
We provide the best quality music education to young children by blending the pleasure and the joy of music making with sound instruction.

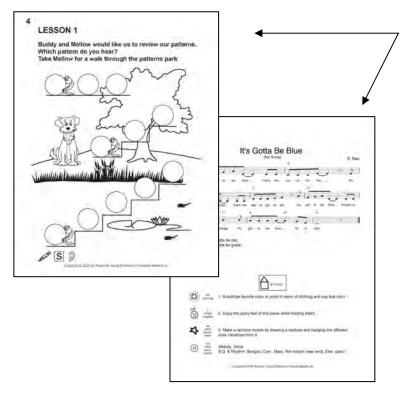


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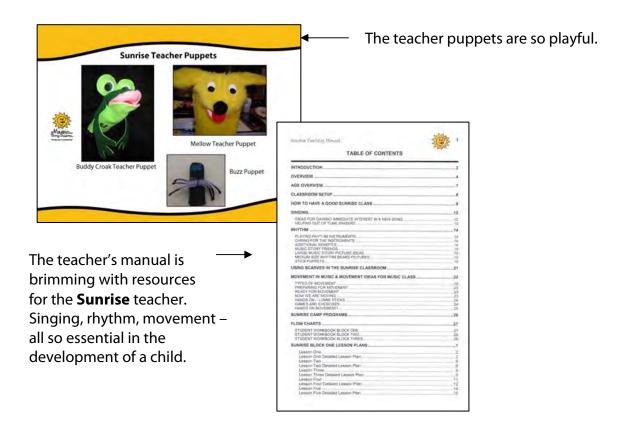
GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNRISE°

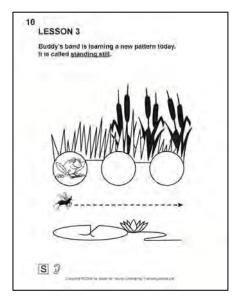
- 1. Provide a positive fun introduction to music for the young child.
- 2. Hold rhythm instruments correctly.
- 3. Strike rhythm instruments correctly.
- 4. Keep a steady beat on rhythm instruments.
- 5. Begin and end a selection together.
- 6. Hear their inner beat.
- 7. Copy simple rhythm patterns by imitation.
- 8. Recognize changes in tempo.
- 9. Sing as part of a group.
- 10. Echo answers to musical questions by imitation.
- 11. Acquire a repertoire of songs.
- 12. Hear their inner voice.
- 13. Recognize some of the basic music terms.
- 14. Recognize dynamics.
- 15. Differentiate between high and low.
- 16. Enjoy listening to and moving to music with a variety of tonality and meter and style.
- 17. Enjoy the rhythm of chants.
- 18. Enjoy "floating" and "moving" scarves to a variety of music.
- 19. Begin to recognize patterns aurally and visually.



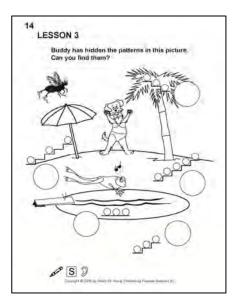


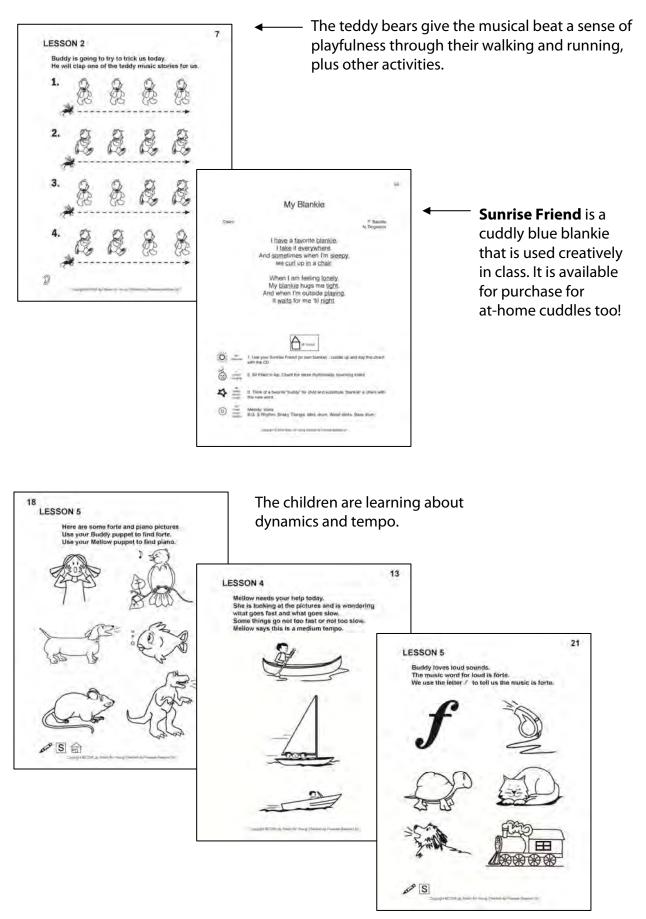
The book has two sections – one section is an activity section, the other has all the songs plus activities for **Sunrise** children, ii (infant insights) and ee (extra enrichment). The CDs have live instrumentation and in this section of the book it notates what instruments are played! Great materials for visual, auditory and tactile learning.



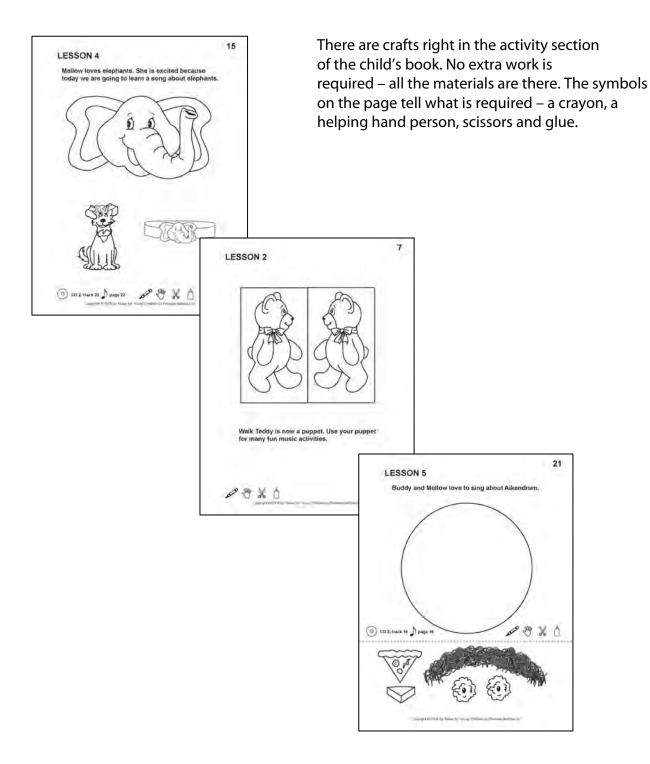


Listening patterns have a creative presentation with Buzz showing the direction to read. This is excellent for young children who are beginning to read.





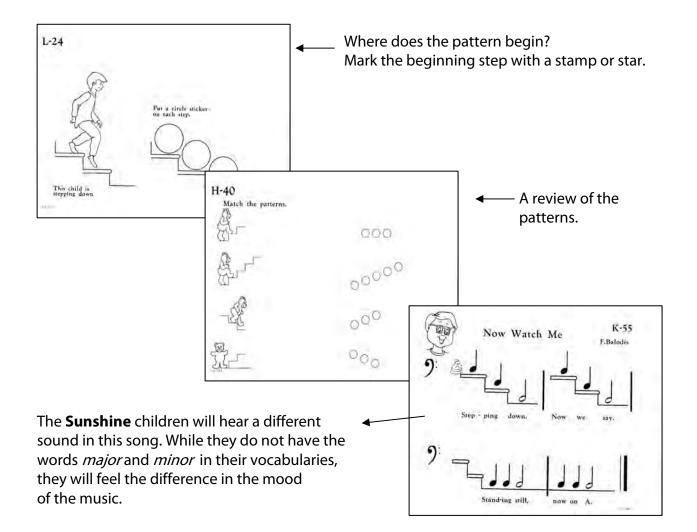
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GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNSHINE[®] 1

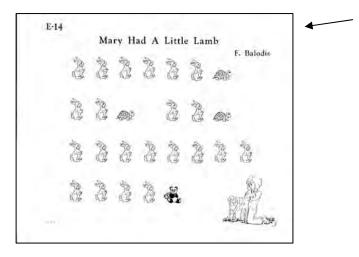
- 1. *Create a positive, happy habit of learning music.* This is very important at this level because music lessons may be the first experience a child has with a teacher other than his/her parents. Music class for **Sunshine** 1 students fulfills a social contact need, a vocabulary need, helps in the development of the fine and gross motor skills and much more.
- 2. Develop listening skills. Children will learn to focus on directions from the teacher and wait for musical introductions.
- 3. Master the music alphabet from A to G inclusive and play the same in the form of the C major scale and the a natural minor scale on the keyboard.
- 4. Recognize and reproduce on the keyboard high, middle and low sounds.
- 5. Play patterns on the keyboard by ear, i.e., stepping up, stepping down, jump up high, jump down low, stepping up and down. Students need to recognize the patterns by ear before they can reproduce them on the keyboard.
- 6. Read line and space notes. Read middle C, treble D and E, and bass A and B. This may be expanded on the tin sheet, but the actual songs they read will include the notes written above. All *hands separate* playing. There is pre-staff notation for **Sunshine** 1 children which will visually alert them to the patterns and the time values of the notes.
- 7. "Echo sing" different patterns using do to la.
- 8. Use 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 time signatures.
- 9. Employ **k** , **b i** in singing, clapping, dictation and reading.
- 10. Reinforce left and right modality and fine motor control in the individual fingers. Some *Sunshine* 1 children may have the control necessary to use all their fingers and to tuck their thumbs. Others will only be able to use their pointer fingers. Finger games and action songs will help to develop finger awareness.
- 11. Experience independence in learning and interaction with other children in a learning situation.
- 12. Learn the level of sound in their daily lives, which can be incorporated into their music, using dynamics. *f ff p pp* << >>
- 13. Compose a short (4 measure) song.
- 14. Play in a recital, either solo or with the class, in a keyboard ensemble or rhythm ensemble.

Sunshine 1: A Sampling

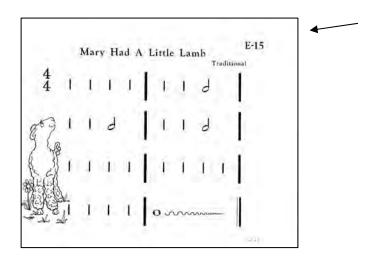




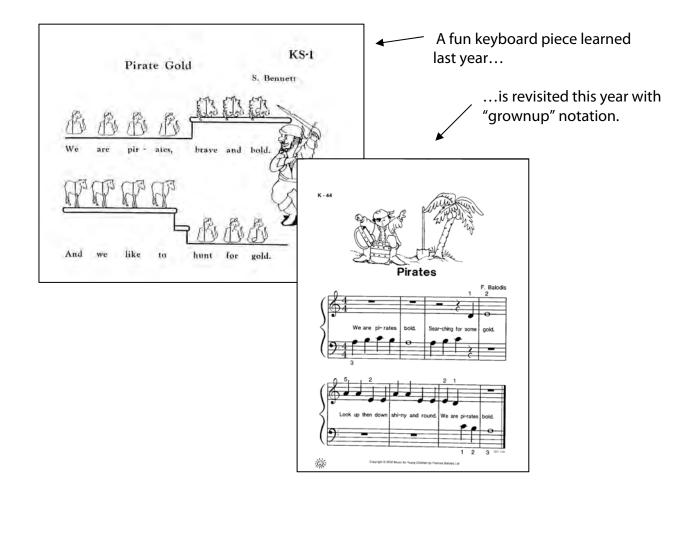
Driving Down is fun for toy car enthusiasts who love to drive toy cars on the page in the direction of the notes. Doing so helps to motivate students to read the notes from left to right. Since it is a long song, sing to all with arm signs but play only half the first week. Play the other half the next week. This song has a key change from C Major in line one to a minor in line two.

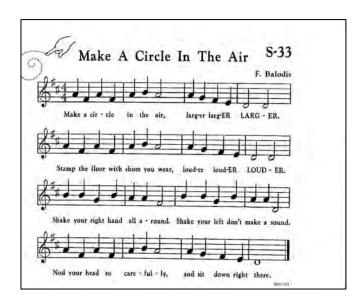


The children cannot use their puppets to walk through this song because there are three different rhythm characters. They may enjoy using a special magic pointer stick constructed from a popsicle stick and glitter to read through the whole song.



Mark each student's manual with a stamp or sticker by the upper left hand rabbit to show the student where to begin. Do not attempt to sing the actual words of the song while playing instruments. Sing, *hop*, *hop*, *hop*, etc., instead.





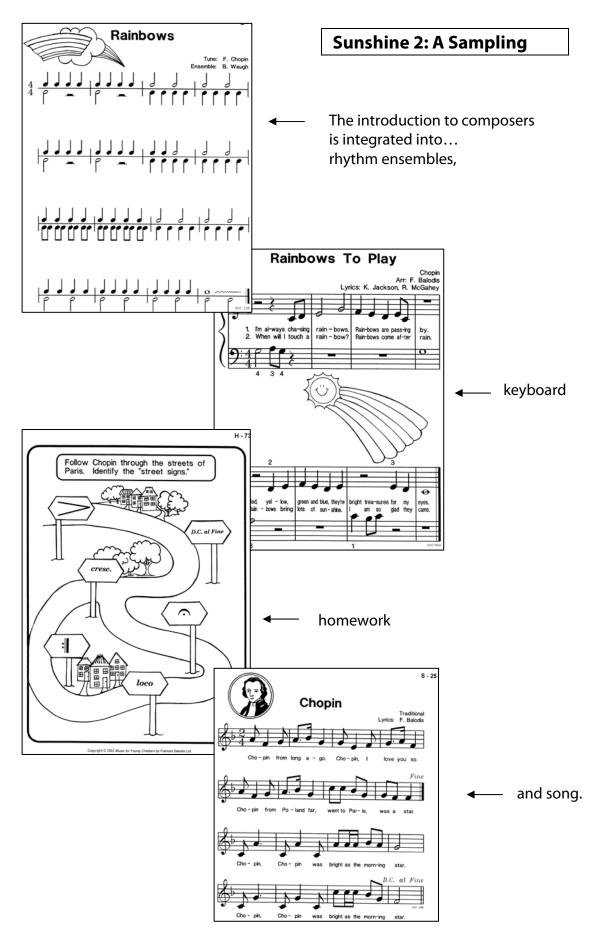
Many songs include actions – very necessary for our little learners.

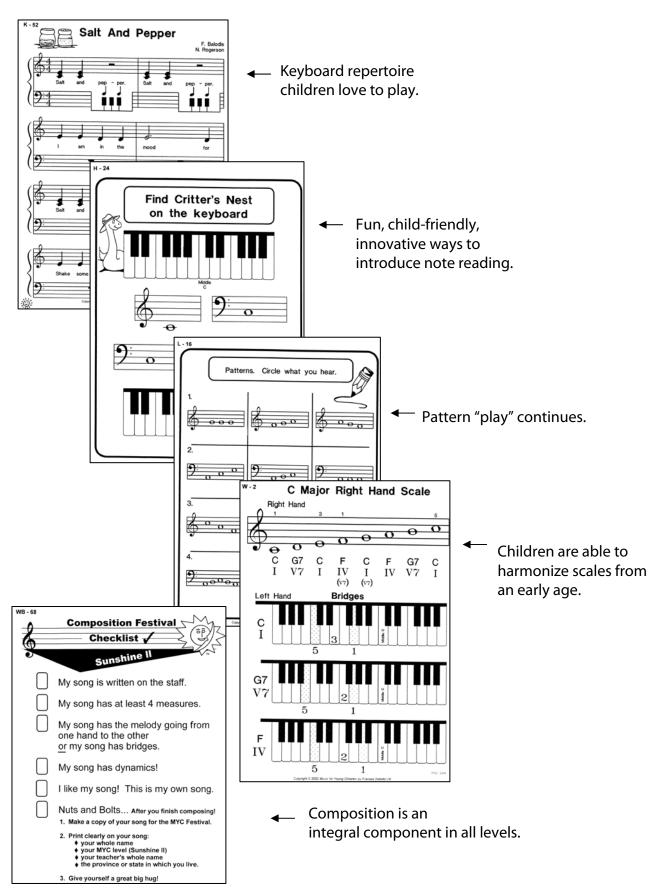
GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNSHINE[®] 2

- 1. Create the happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Learn to focus on directions from the teacher. Listen and wait for musical introductions when playing keyboard selections, singing songs and playing rhythm ensembles.
- 3. Warmups in the nature of short studies and scales in the keys of C, G and a. Primary chords in these keys.
- 4. Transposition of some of the simpler pieces from the key of C into G and a.
- 5. Play simple nursery rhymes by ear. Use arm/hand signs to follow the direction of sound.
- 6. Note reading extended to include middle C and D, E, F, G and high C in the treble clef and middle C, B, A, G, F, E, D, D, C and low B in the bass clef.
- 7. Echo singing using hand/arm signs for *do, re, mi, so*, and *la*.
- 8. Utilize the time signatures of 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4.
- 9. Begin to identify the sound of 3/4 vs. 4/4.
- 10. Begin to sing in 6/8.
- 12. Experience independence while learning in a group situation.
- 13. Dynamics and other musical terms:

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- 14. Major and minor tonality in singing and keyboard pieces. The relationship of keys to each other in both major and minor keys.
- 15. Develop the use of the two hands separately and together. Use individual fingers, rounded if possible.
- 16. Begin to use the skills and terms to compose pieces of their own. Students should begin to listen to the structure of pieces to help them with their own composing ideas.
- 17. Play in a recital.



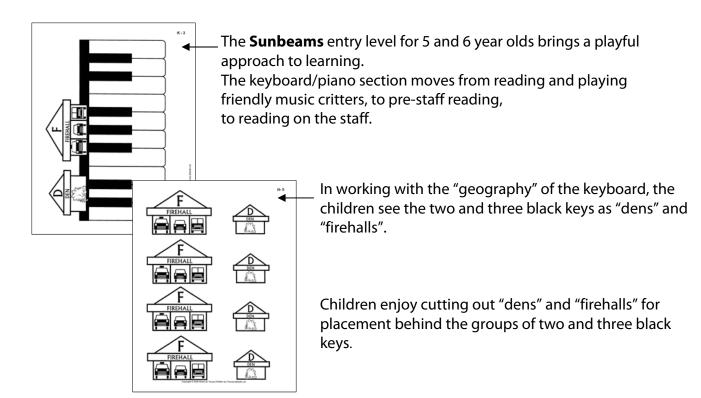


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GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNBEAMS° 1

- 1. Create the happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Develop listening skills. Children will learn to focus on directions from the teacher and to wait for musical introductions when playing and singing songs and playing rhythm ensembles.
- 3. Play warmups including short studies and scales in the keys of C, G and a. Primary bridges in these keys.
- 4. Transposition of some of the simpler pieces from the key of C into G and a.
- 5. Play simple nursery rhymes by ear. Use arm/hand signs to follow the direction of sound.
- 6. Note reading extended to include middle C to high C in the treble clef and low B to ledger line D in the bass clef.
- 7. Echo singing using hand/arm signs for *do, re, mi, so*, and *la*.
- 8. Time signatures of 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4.
- 9. Begin to identify the sound of 3/4 vs. 4/4.
- 10. Begin to sing in 6/8.
- 12. Experience independence while learning in a group situation.
- 13. Dynamics and other musical terms: $f \, f \!\!f \, p \, p \!\!p < > \#$ 📗 🏠
- 14. Major and minor tonality in singing and keyboard pieces. The relationship of keys to each other in both major and minor keys.
- 15. Develop the use of the two hands separately and together. Use individual fingers, rounded if possible.
- 16. Apply musical knowledge to compose own music.
- 17. Play in a recital.

Sunbeams 1: A Sampling



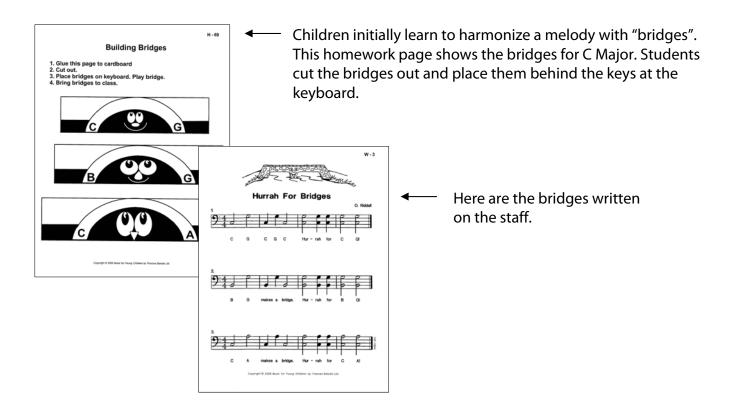
The white keys on the piano become "friends" along music street. *D is a dreadful dancing dinosaur* who lives in the dinosaur den.

This is combined with the idea that the dinosaur needs to practice regularly to improve his dancing just as children need to practice regularly to improve their piano, listening, rhythm and beat skills.



Reading on the staff begins with one-note repertoire which enables students to be immediately successful. Playful words are used to review rhythms.

Songs are also used to reinforce note placement. *Dino at the Door* is one of the wonderful songs used to bring keyboard characters to the staff.



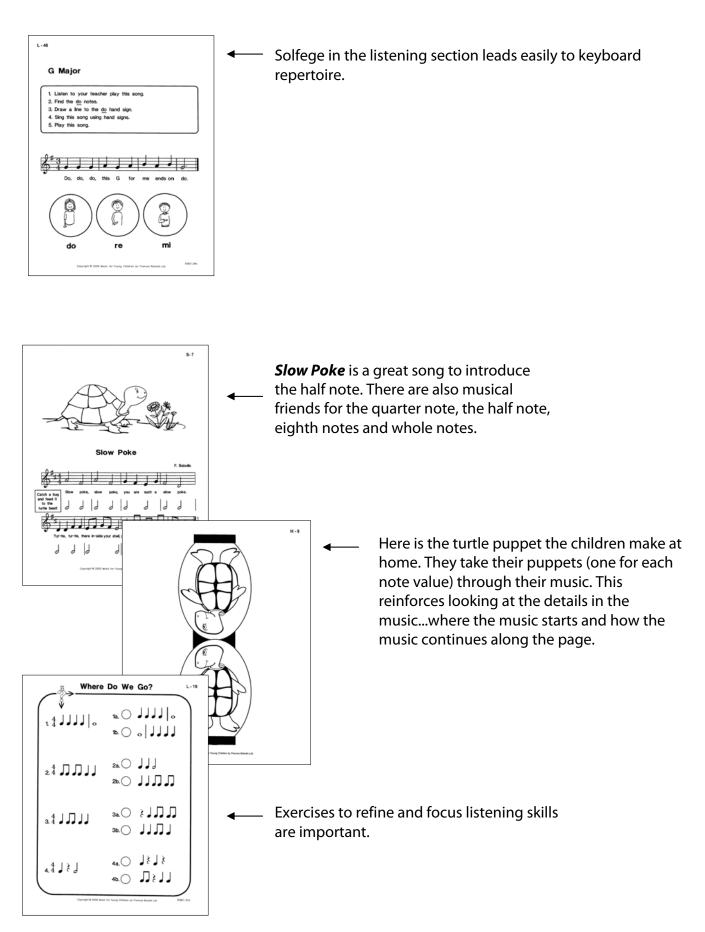


— A "technique" song to reinforce a specific technique. This leads to the actual *Technique Toolbox*[™] for this level.

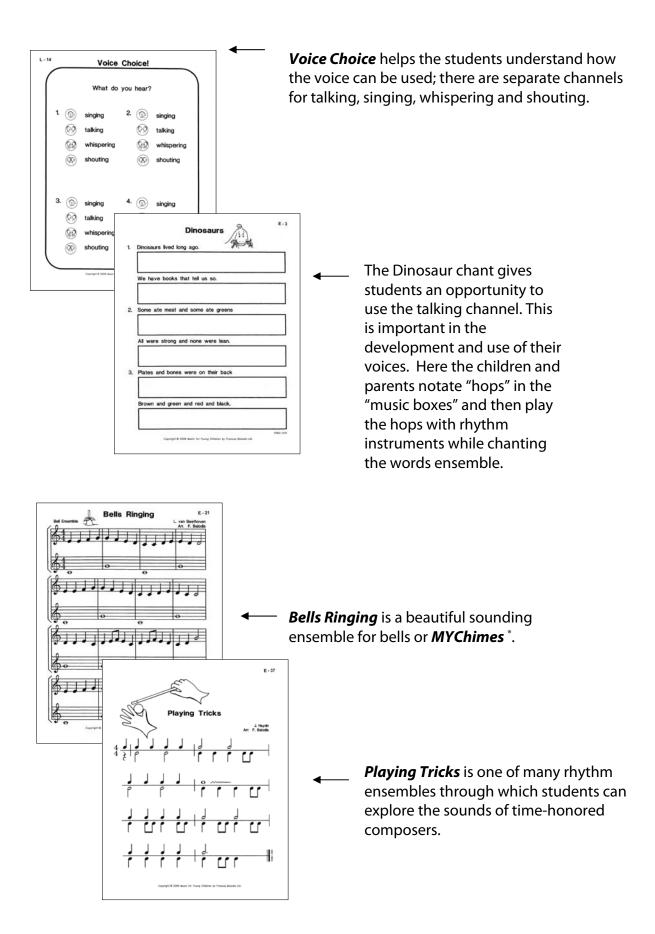


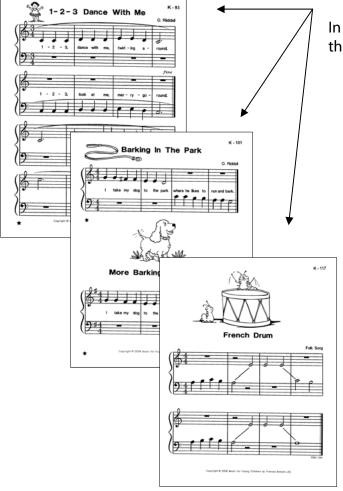
Basic Toolbox: This hands-on opportunity brings excitement to technique. Skill cards, scale and bridge stickers and pattern cards bring technique alive.

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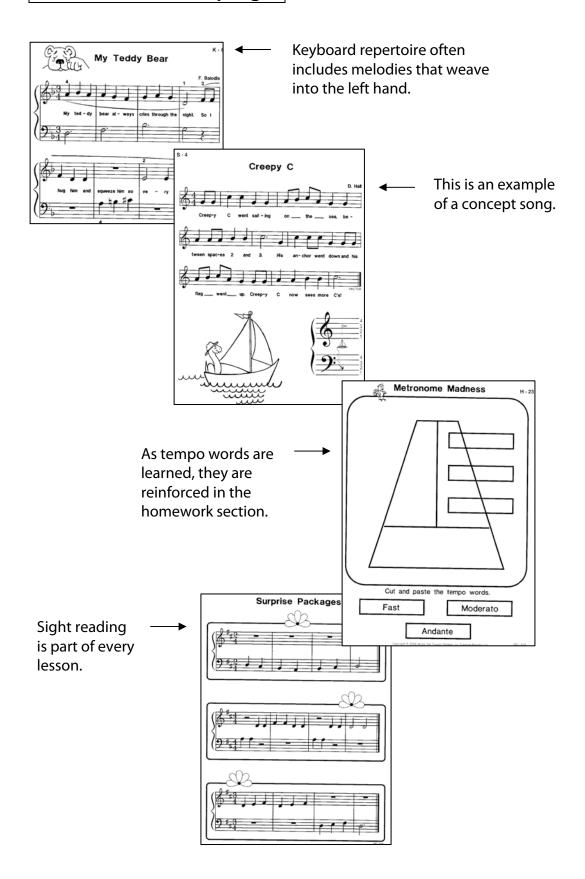
In **Sunbeams** 1, students play repertoire in the keys of C Major, a minor and G Major.

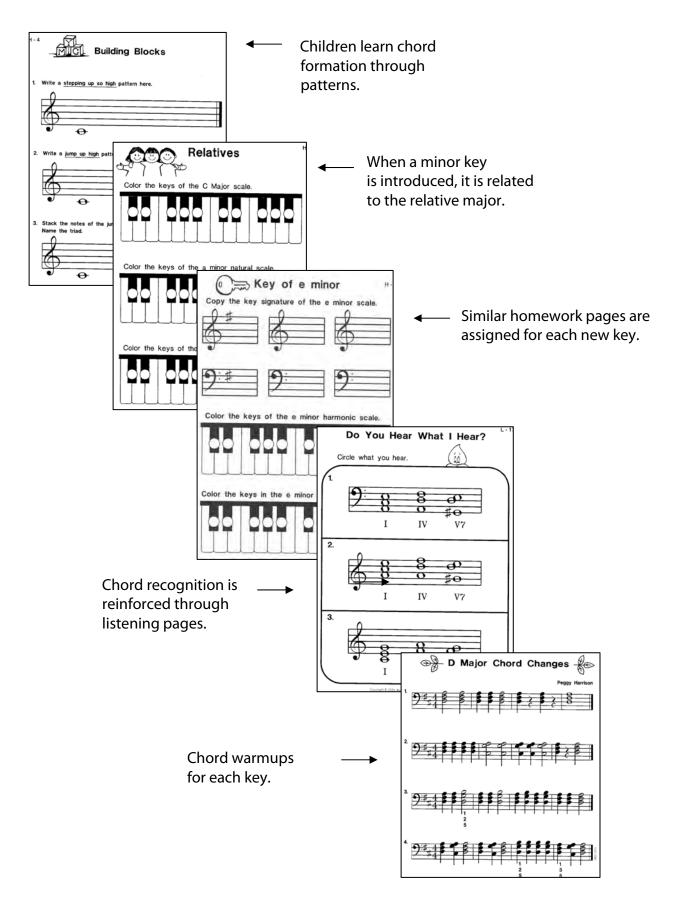
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- The keys are reinforced in the listening section.

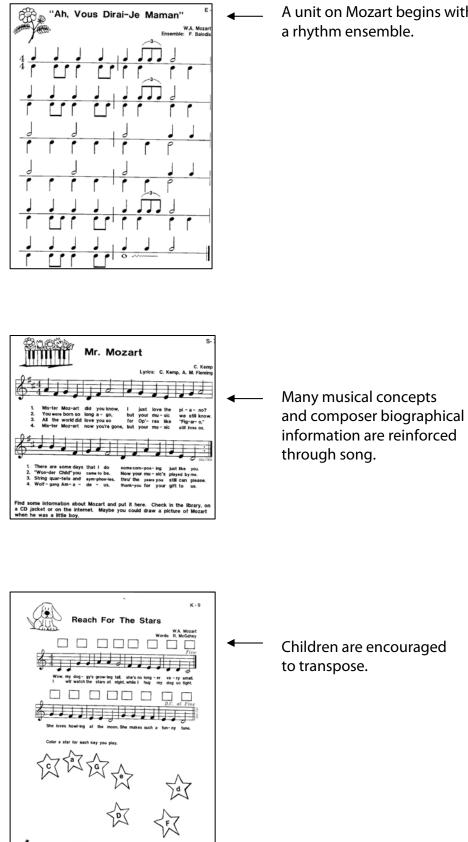
GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNBEAMS° 2

- 1. Create a positive, happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Develop listening skills. The children learn to focus on the teacher's directions. They should listen and wait for musical introductions to songs and rhythm ensembles.
- 3. Warmups should include short studies and the following scales: C, G, D, F, a, e, and d. The primary chords of these keys should be presented.
- 4. Transposition of simple songs into C, G, D, F, a, e, and d by finger/hand position and by ear.
- 5. Play simple nursery rhymes and complete tunes by ear.
- 6. Extend note reading to include all lines and spaces in the treble and bass clefs including ledger lines above and below the grand staff.
- 7. Play single and multiple notes hands together. Play hands separately independently.
- 8. Echo sing from do to high do using hand signs
- 9. Use 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 and 6/8 time signatures in singing. In rhythm dictation use 2/4, 3/4, and 4/4 only.
- 10. Use J. J. J. J. J. T. F. in singing, clapping and rhythm dictation and in reading keyboard selections and rhythm ensembles.
- 11. The children should experience independence through solo work. The opportunity to interact with other children in a learning situation is met through playing ensemble at the keyboard and playing class rhythm ensembles.
- 12. The children should be familiar with the following dynamics and music terms: *f ff mf p pp mp (c)* decrescendo, diminuendo, D.C. al fine, fine, tempo, adagio, moderato, andante, allegro and presto.
- 13. Sing songs and play keyboard selections in major and minor keys. The children are introduced to the relationship between major and minor keys in a preliminary way leading to circle of fifths work.
- 14. Correct fingering and an attempt at good rounded finger control at the keyboard.
- 15. Use terms and skills to compose original songs.
- 16. Prepare students for Prep A exam. Teachers may elect to have students play this exam.
- 17. Learn theory concepts necessary for Preparatory Rudiments exam. Teachers may elect to have students write this exam.
- 18. Play in a recital.

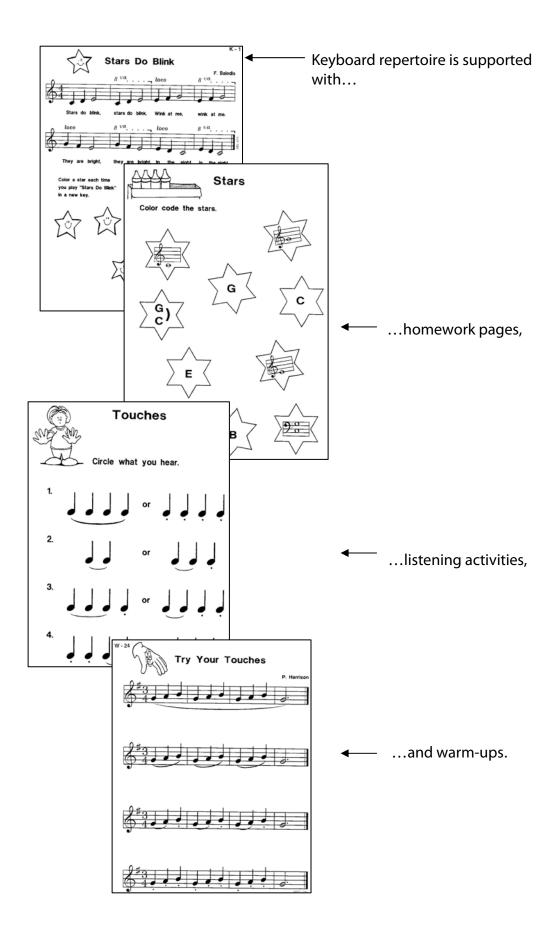
Sunbeams 2: A Sampling





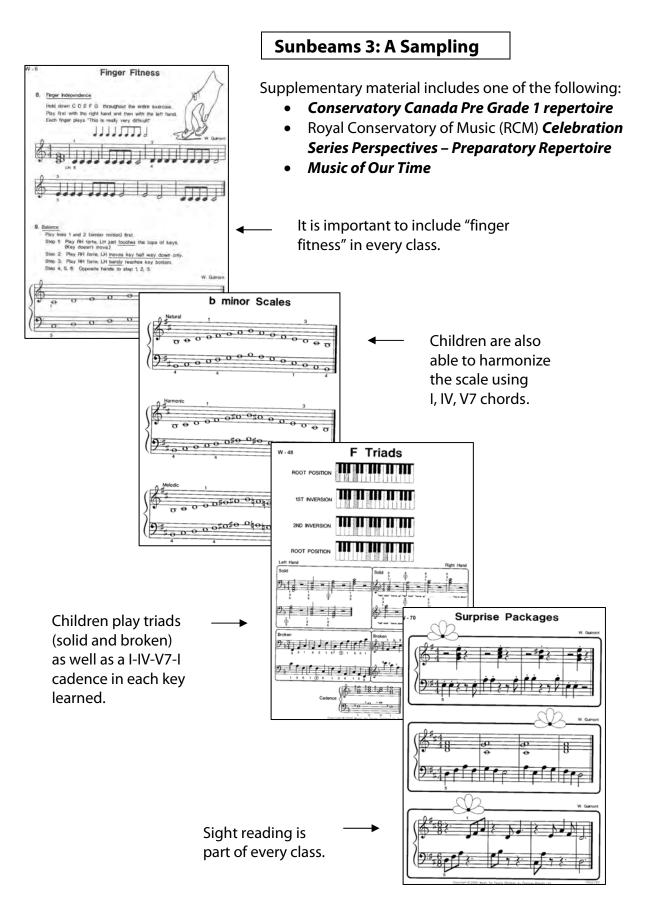


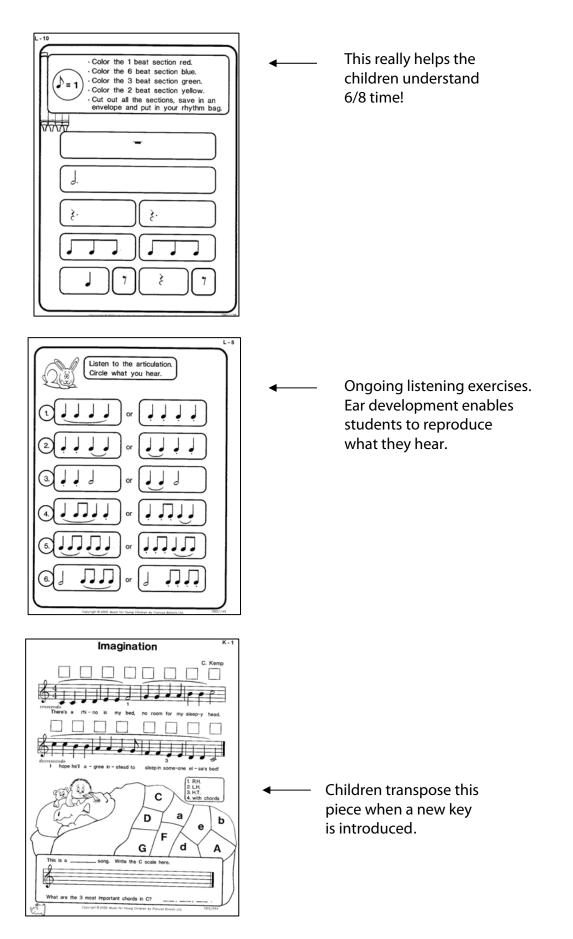
A unit on Mozart begins with a rhythm ensemble.

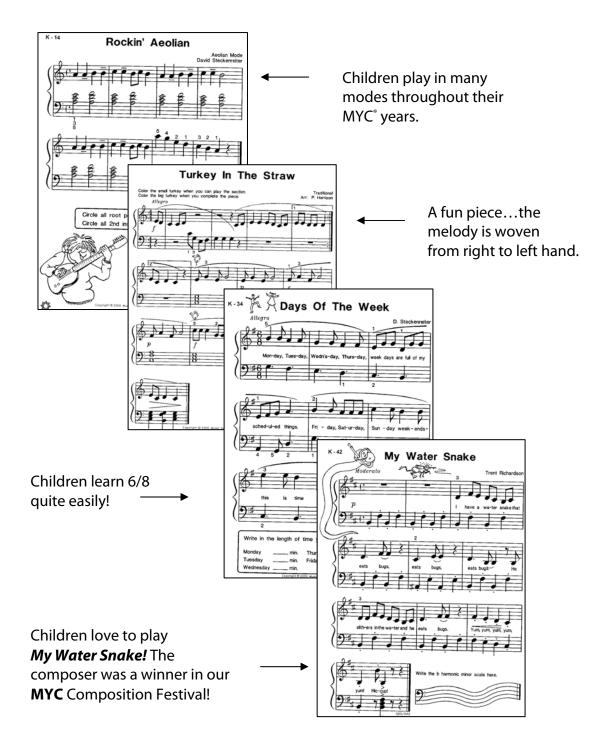


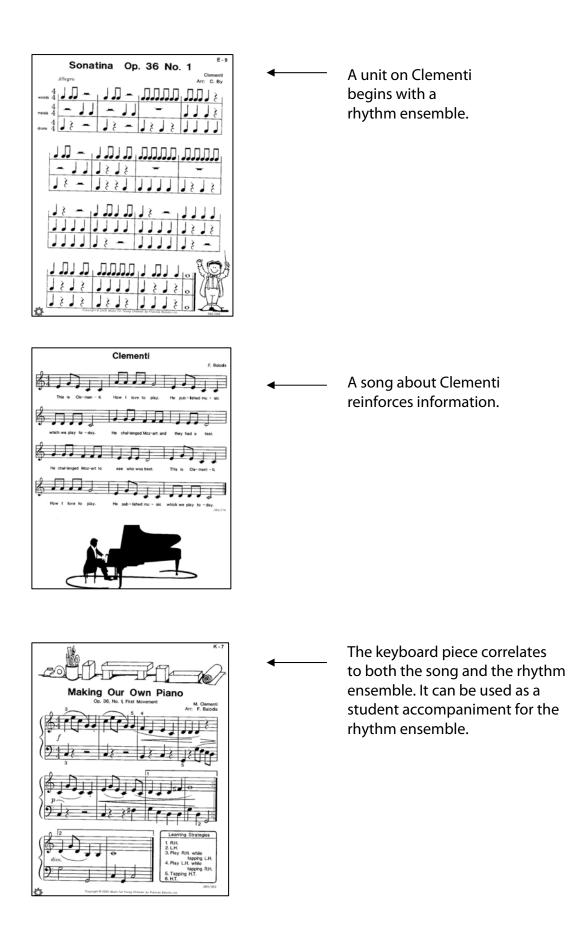
GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN SUNBEAMS° 3

- 1. Create a positive, happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Develop listening skills. The children learn to focus on the teacher's directions and wait for introductions to keyboard selections, rhythm ensembles and songs.
- 3. Play warmups in the form of short studies and scales in the following scales: C, a, G, e, D, b, F, d, A (optional). The primary chords for each key should be understood and mastered at the keyboard. Freedom to move between root, first inversion and second inversion of the triads. The perfect cadence is played at the conclusion of the solid and broken chords. CAT cadence after triads!
- 4. Transposition into the above-mentioned keys of simple songs with accurate finger/hand position and by observing the structure of the song. Some transposition will be by ear alone.
- 5. To play melodies, such as nursery rhymes and popular songs, by ear. This will be guided through the solfege manual.
- 6. Extend note reading to all notes in the treble and bass clefs and ledger lines above, below and between both staves.
- 7. Meet the goals in solfege manual for **Sunbeams** 3.
- 8. Utilize 2/4 3/4 4/4 C 5/4 6/8 9/8 C time signatures.
- 10. Experience independence in learning and interact with other children.
- 11. Expand dynamic and tempo vocabulary.
- 12. Major and minor tonality in singing and keyboard pieces. The relationship of the keys to each other...both major and minor. Understanding of the circle of fifths for keys studied.
- 13. Play the keyboard with the correct fingering and attempt good rounded finger control.
- 14. Play solo and in duet situations. Be able to play in a keyboard ensemble with the entire class.
- 15. Play hands together, single and multiple notes. Play hands separately independently.
- 16. Begin to work on homework assignments independently. Work on reading and following directions for written work. Learn theoretical concepts outlined in **Bright Ideas**[™] 1.
- 17. Use skills and terms to compose original songs.
- 18. Play in a recital. If possible, participate in a local music festival.
- 19. Prepare students for Prep B exam. Teachers may elect to have students play this exam.
- 20. Learn theory concepts necessary for Preparatory Rudiments exam. Teachers may elect to have students write this exam.







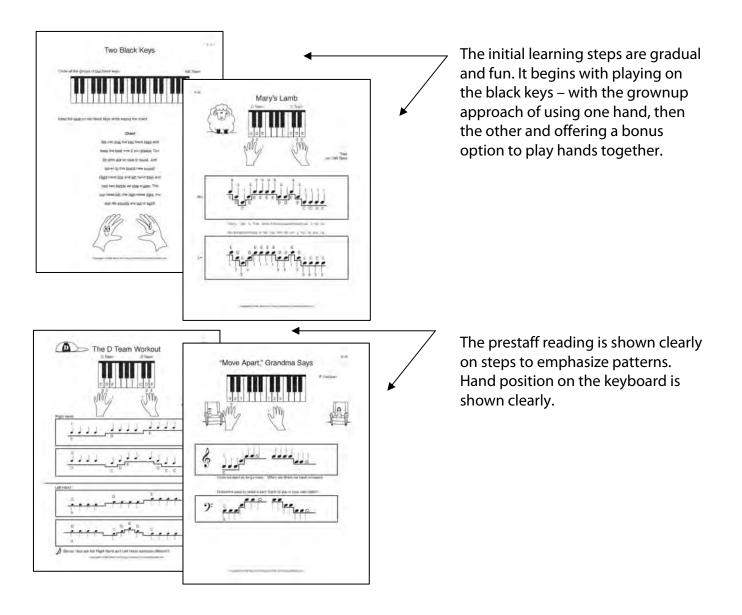


GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN MOONBEAMS $^\circ$ 1

- 1. Create a positive, happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Develop listening skills. Children need to focus on the teacher's instructions. They need to listen and wait for musical introductions for playing, singing songs and rhythm ensembles.
- 3. Develop aural musical skills. The musical listening activities include recognizing and reproducing low, middle and high sounds (vocally and on the keyboard), recognizing and reproducing patterns (vocally and on the keyboard), recognizing and reproducing rhythms (by clapping, playing or writing with rhythm bag materials), recognizing dynamics, tempo, accompaniment patterns, legato and staccato articulations, simple 3/4 and 4/4 time signatures, recognizing major and minor tonalities and I, IV and V7 chords.
- 4. Read notes on the grand staff and on treble or bass staff. Read and play selections using these notes (single and multiple notes) hands separately and hands together.
- 5. Master the music alphabet from A to G inclusive and play C, G, D, and F major scales and a and e minor scales (natural and harmonic). These scales will be harmonized with primary chords (I, IV, and V7). Scales will be played one octave with single fingers in each hand. They may be played in contrary motion. Triads are introduced in theory (triads as an exercise will be a goal in the following year). Sharps, flats and naturals are used.
- 6. Recognize I, IV and V7 chords in printed music and be able to add chords to a simple melody line.
- 7. Develop good piano technique (strong, curved fingers, legato/staccato touch, two and three note slurs, transfer of melody smoothly from one hand to the other, etc.) through *Technique Toolbox* [™] exercises.
- 8. "Echo sing" do to la inclusive.
- 9. Play simple selections in the five-finger position (e.g., some of the solfege material), by ear.
- 10. Transpose some of the simple tunes in #9 or some of the simple selections in the K or W section into different keys.
- 11. Utilize 2/4, 3/4, 4/4 time signatures in singing, playing and rhythm dictation (rhythm stories). Utilize 6/8 in addition for singing.

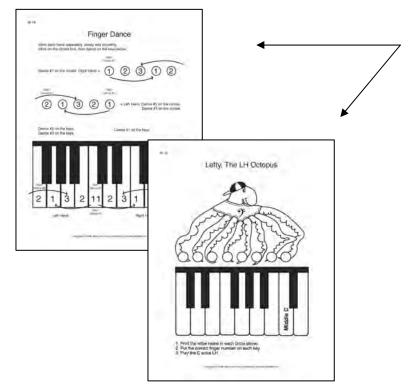
- 12. Develop rhythm fluency in singing, clapping, rhythm dictation and reading using quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, eighth notes (pairs, single eighths or groups of four), quarter rest, half rest, whole rest (in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time), dotted half note and dotted quarter note followed by eighth note.
- 13. Experience major and minor tonality in singing and keyboard material. Begin to develop an understanding of the relationship of keys on the circle of fifths for the keys studied.
- 14. Understand musical terms for dynamics and tempo and other musical directions as they are introduced throughout the year.
- 15. Incorporate the notes, rhythms, patterns, basic composing techniques and any other relevant music terms they have learned into a simple (minimum four measure) composition of their own.
- 16. Experience working as a team with teacher, parent and fellow students and learn to practice well at home with parent as a guide.
- 17. Learn theory concepts necessary for Preparatory Rudiments exam. Teachers may elect to have students write this exam.
- 18. Prepare students for Prep A exam. Teachers may elect to have students play this exam.
- 19. Play in a recital.

MOONBEAMS 1: A SAMPLING

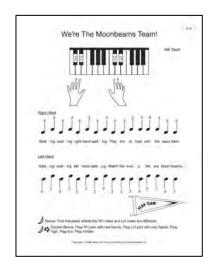


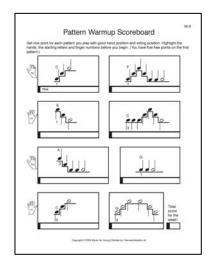
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Singing songs about the lines and spaces helps students move their reading on to the staff.



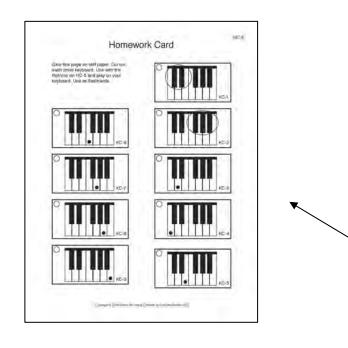
The approach to fingering is interesting, with clear illustrations and activities to help students succeed.



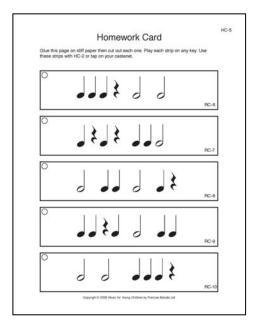




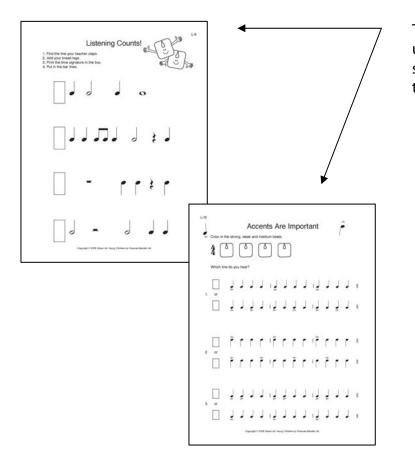
The **Moonbeams** students are at an age of enjoying sports and teams. This theme is motivating in all areas of the curriculum.



The homework cards are a special feature in this curriculum. These are cards to be cut out at home to reinforce learning the location of keys, notes on the staff and to practice playing and saying rhythms.

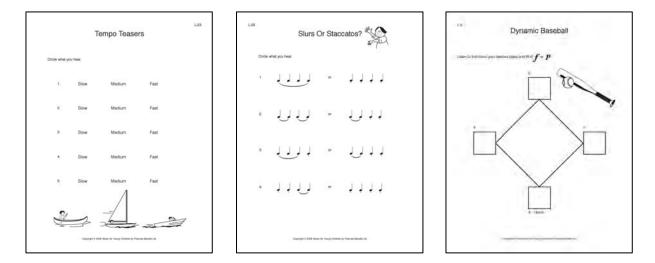


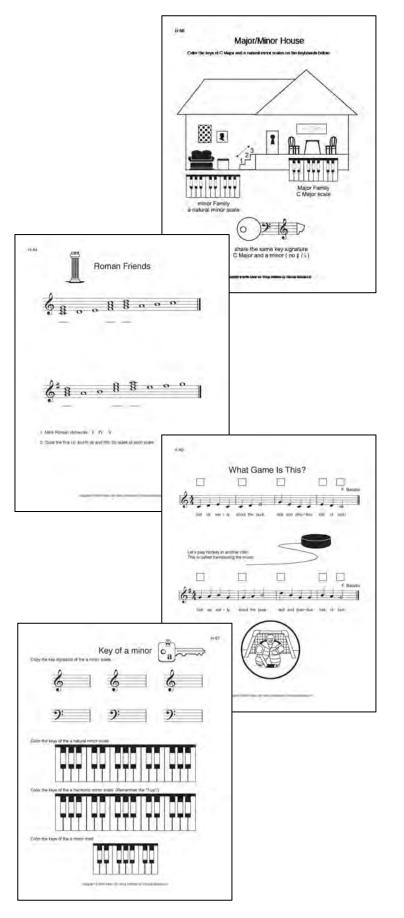
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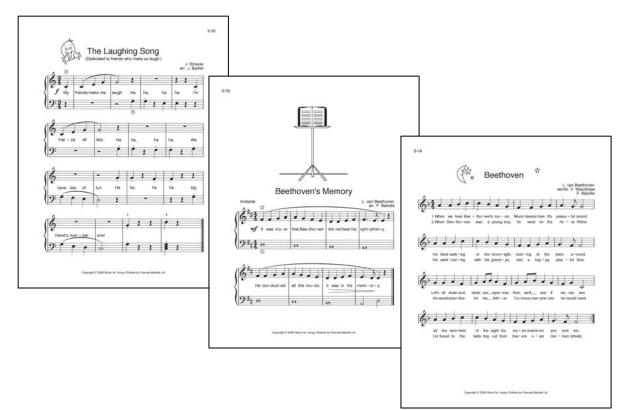
The listening section has activities using bread tags as counters which show the accents in our different time signatures.

There are listening pages to learn about tempo, articulations and dynamics.

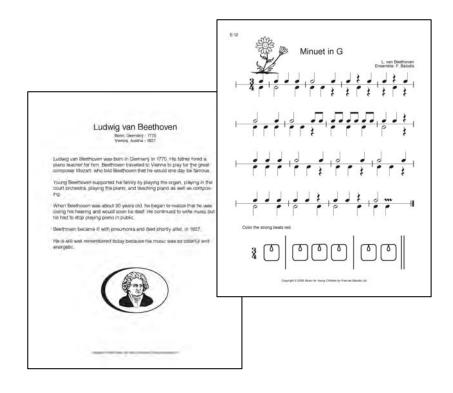




The Major/minor concept and transposition are shown with engaging easy-to-understand presentations.

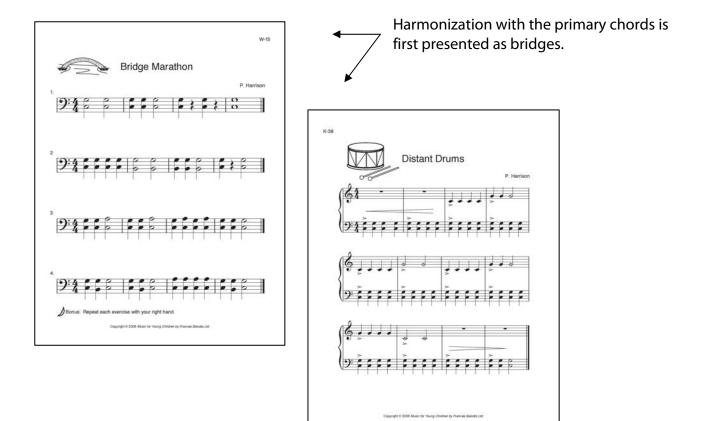


Familiar repertoire is exciting to play and share. Composers such as J. Strauss and L. van Beethoven are highlighted both in the keyboard section and the ensemble section of **Moonbeams** 1.

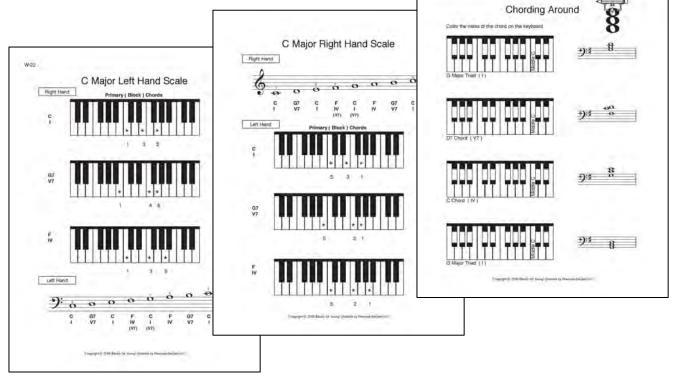


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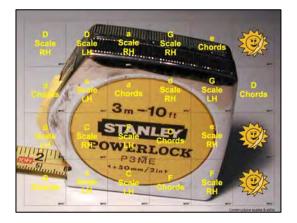




Harmonization then progresses to the I, IV and V7 chords.



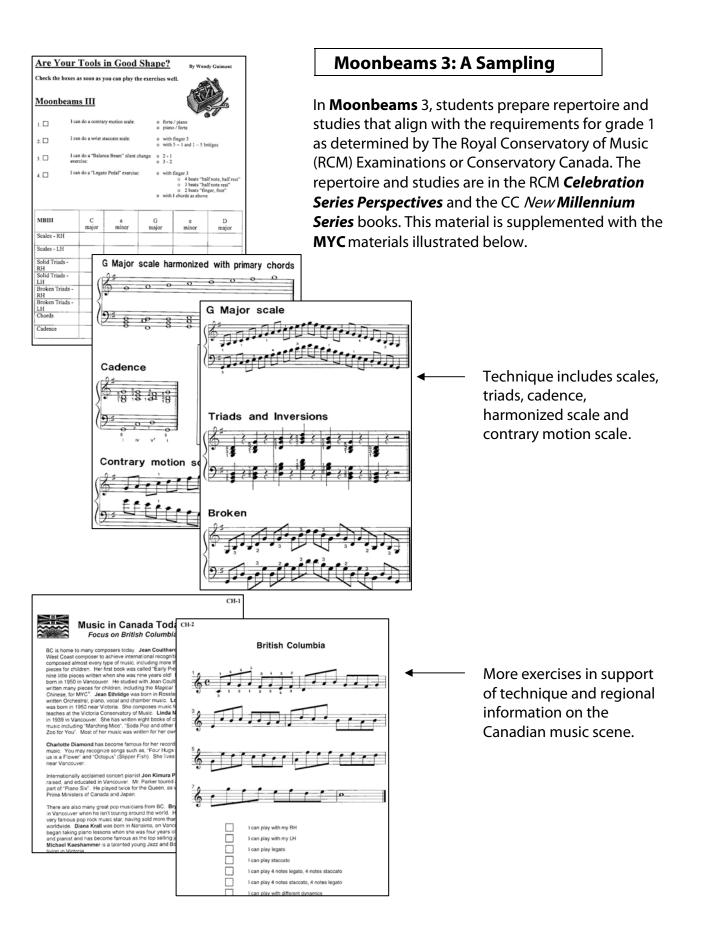
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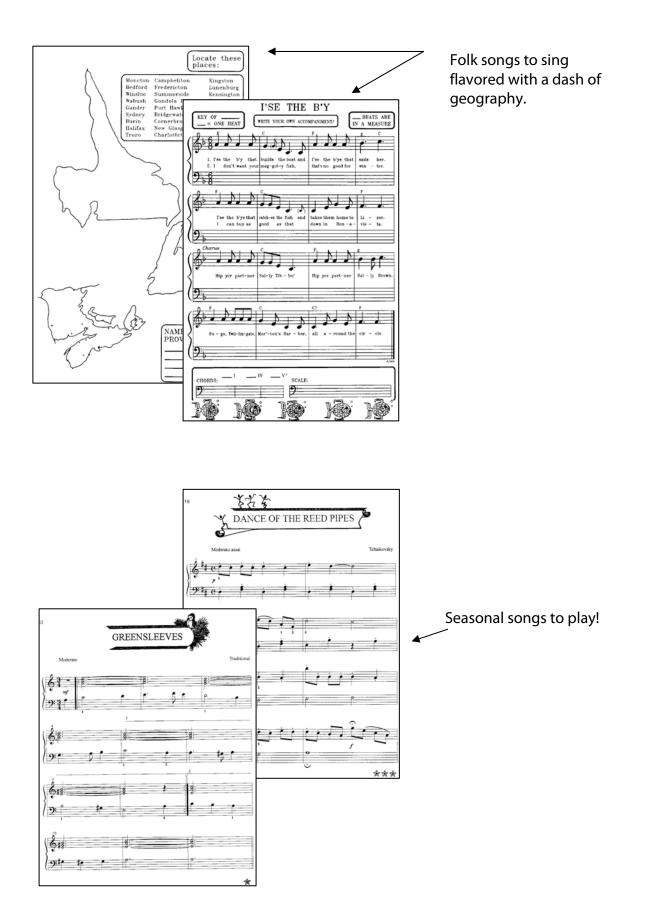


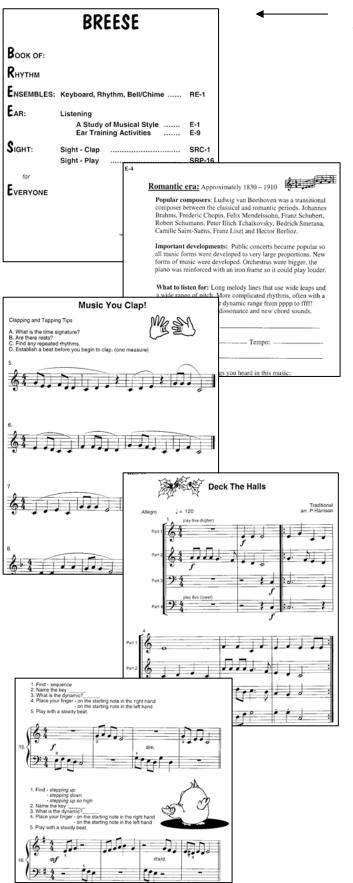
Hands-on activity brings excitement to technique. Students work hard to receive their stickers for scales and keys learned hands separate and with chordal accompaniment. Each step receives a sticker to create/complete a puzzle/picture.

GOALS TO BE COMPLETED IN MOONBEAMS [°] 3

- 1. Create the positive happy habit of learning music.
- 2. Develop listening skills in preparation for Prep B or Grade 1 piano exam.
- 3. Play warmups and scales in the following keys: C, a, G, e, D, b, F, d, and A. Understand the primary chords for each key. Play root, first inversion and second inversion triads solid and broken, hands separately.
- 4. Transpose simple songs into the above-mentioned keys with accurate finger/hand position and by observing the structure of the song.
- 5. Expand dynamic and tempo vocabulary to include terms from Basic Rudiments (RCM) and Theory 1 (Conservatory Canada).
- 6. Learn theoretical concepts outlined in **Bright Ideas** [™]2. These include writing major, minor scales (up to four sharps or four flats), identifying or writing major, minor, perfect intervals, adding rests to a given passage, simple analysis, finding time signatures (simple time).
- 7. Teachers may elect to have students write the Preparatory Rudiments exam or Basic Rudiments exam (RCM) or Theory 1 (Conservatory Canada).
- 8. Play in a recital.
- 9. Play repertoire at a Prep B or grade 1 level.
- 10. Develop sight reading skills in preparation for Prep B or grade 1 piano exam.
- 11. Play rhythm and keyboard ensembles.
- 12. Sing folk songs.
- 13. Write a 12 measure composition.
- 14. Play Prep B or grade 1 piano exam.







Rhythm ensembles to play, along with ear training, sight reading and some music history.

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