LEVEL 2A



Level 2A Concepts

- 8th-note rhythm patterns
- crescendo and diminuendo
- whole step: W-W-H-W
- Cm, Gm, Dm, Am 5-finger scales
- 5-finger transposition
- the phrase and phrase mark
- D and A major 5-finger scales
- andante, moderato, allegro



Teach with...Analysis

Analysis comes from the Greek word *analyein*, "to loosen up" or "to break apart." Through analysis we look at separate parts in order to understand how these parts relate to form the whole. We loosen up, deepen, and stretch the student's learning process.

"Philip, which 3 lines of music are almost the same? Now let's analyze how the lines are different."

"Hannah, where do you think the elf is pounding the loudest? Why?"

Teach with...Creativity

Create comes from the Latin word *creatus*, "to make." Structured creative assignments help students consolidate basic skills while they

compose and "own" their creative ideas.

"Olivia, many songs are co-written by two people. These lyrics are written by Crystal Bowman. Now you be the composer the other half of the creative team."

"Philip, you create the dynamics of your piece. What dynamic mark do you think expresses the mouse?"

Teach with...Expression



We can bring out the expression by tapping the student's desire to listen to his or her sound. Inspire our students through your own expressive demonstrations.

"Adam, play your favorite 5-finger scale up and down. At the end, ritard and do a wrist float-off into your lap. Pretend it's a performance."

"Tatiana, listen as I demonstrate several phrases. When you hear a crescendo, raise your arm up slowly. Lower it for a diminuendo. Great! Now, let's reverse and you play."

