



THIRD GRADE

Ensembles

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Social Studies: teamwork

AIM

Students will exhibit understanding of **solo**, **ensemble**, **duet**, **trio**, and **quartet** by listening, composing, and performing.

MATERIALS

Book: *Zin Zin Zin a Violin* by Lloyd Moss

Instrument posters or pictures (trombone, trumpet, french horn, cello, violin, flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, harp)

Ensembles worksheet

ASSESSMENT

Assign and grade the ensembles worksheet.

ENRICHMENT IDEAS

Play a recording of Pachelbel's *Canon in D*. Have students close their eyes and show how many musicians they think are playing by putting the appropriate number of fingers in the air.

PROCEDURE

1. Ask students what their favorite sports are and write them on the board. Ask students how many players are on each team (include 1-on-1 sports).
2. Discuss how musicians can also play in teams or alone. When a musician plays alone, it is called a **solo**. A team of musicians is called an **ensemble**. Just like sports teams have different numbers of players; ensembles can have different numbers of musicians.
3. Read *Zin Zin Zin, a Violin* aloud. On each page, hand a student volunteer the instrument poster mentioned in the story. Each student should continue standing with their instrument posters until the end of the book. Have a student secretary write the vocabulary words (**solo**, **duet**, **trio**, **quartet**) on the board as you encounter them in the story.
4. The Machine Game. Divide the class into quartets. Each ensemble must improvise its own "machine." The machine can be one that exists in reality, or can be entirely make-believe. The machine begins with one person and adds on one at a time. Students can make noises or gestures; anything so long as it begins as a solo, then becomes a duet, trio, and finally quartet. A volunteer group can make a "music machine" using rhythms and/or solfege to create their machine.
5. Students perform their "machines" for the class. The class calls out "solo, duet, trio, quartet," as each ensemble member is added.

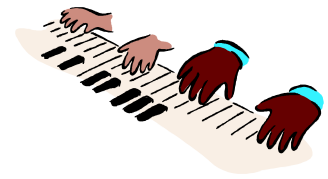
Name:

Class:

Date:



Music Resource Sheet



Ensembles

FILL IN the chart below with words from the word box.

<u>Word Box</u>			
Solo	Duet	Trio	Quartet

Number of Musicians

Name of Ensemble

