

## Beginning Band 3 Month Progress

**At the three month point, beginners should be able to demonstrate the following musical abilities:**

- Correct assembly of the instrument and all its parts/accessories.
- Proper playing posture.
- Proper hand position or grip.
- Correct embouchure (mouth position) for the wind instruments.
  
- Correct recognition and naming of their basic first 5-8 notes using the lines, spaces, and music alphabet.  
This should be able to be done at a steady pace without too much pausing.
- Correct finger or key placement for their basic first 5-8 notes.
- Correct rhythm recognition, naming, and length value for the following basic note & rests:  
whole, half, quarter, eighth
- Correct and steady rhythm performance for the following basic note & rests:  
whole, half, quarter, eighth
  
- Characteristic sound production on the instrument for their experience level.  
For wind instruments, the sound should be more clear than “airy”, not too soft or overly loud.  
For percussion, the stroke should be in the middle of the drum or bell key, not too soft or overly loud.

**At the three month point, beginners should be able to demonstrate the following management abilities:**

- Consistent attendance and promptness at all lessons and rehearsals.
- Consistently bring all materials, including their instrument, mallets, sticks, and music to class.
- Consistent practice throughout the week, as well as documenting practice time.