

Course outline for a three-week music course

Week 1: Fun with Music and Instruments

- Introduction to music: what is music, and why is it fun?
- Meeting the instruments: piano and violin
- Basic hand positions and finger placement for piano and violin
- Fun music activities: clapping rhythms, singing songs
- Music theory basics:
 - Recognizing notes (A, B, C, etc.)
 - Understanding rests (silence)
 - Basic rhythms (whole, half, quarter notes)

Week 2: Playing Simple Melodies and Understanding Music Theory

- Piano: learning simple melodies with one hand (e.g. "Twinkle, Twinkle")
- Violin: learning simple melodies with a bow (e.g. "Mary Had a Little Lamb")
- Music theory:
 - Learning note values (whole, half, quarter, etc.)
 - Understanding staff and clefs
 - Introduction to basic chords (C, G, Am)
- Fun music games: "Simon Says" with rhythm, "Red Light, Green Light" with notes

Week 3: Making Music Together and Applying Music Theory

- Piano: learning simple songs with both hands (e.g. "Chopsticks")
- Violin: learning simple songs with a bow and fingers (e.g. "Old MacDonald")
- Music theory:
 - Understanding dynamics (loud/soft)
 - Introduction to tempo (fast/slow)
 - Basic music notation (reading sheet music)
- Fun ensemble activities: playing together, following a leader
- Music appreciation: listening to different types of music, identifying instruments