

Syllabus Preschool Hand Bells

Music Class 26 Weeks



Here's a 26-week preschool handbell curriculum designed to introduce young children to music using handbells.

This curriculum includes:

- ✓ Gradual skill progression (from basic bell ringing to simple rhythms)
- ✓ Fun and engaging activities
- ✓ Color-coded songs for easy learning
- ✓ Reinforcement through repetition
- ✓ Interactive elements like movement and storytelling

🎵 26-Week Preschool Handbell Curriculum

📅 Schedule Overview

Weeks 1-4: Introduction to handbells, colors, and simple notes

Weeks 5-12: Learning basic songs, rhythm, and teamwork

Weeks 13-20: Expanding song variety, musical patterns, and confidence

Weeks 21-26: Review, creativity, and a final performance

Week-by-Week Breakdown

Weeks 1-4: Handbell Basics & First Notes

- ✓ Learning how to hold and play handbells
- ✓ Introducing color-coded notes (matching bells with a chart)
- ✓ Fun activities:
 - "Find the Color" game
 - "Echo Play" (teacher plays a note, kids repeat)
- ✓ First song: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" (first two lines only)

Weeks 5-8: Playing Full Songs & Rhythm Practice

- ✓ Playing full songs:
 - "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"
 - "Mary Had a Little Lamb"
- ✓ Introducing rhythm:
 - Clapping beats before playing
 - Using simple 1-2 counting
- ✓ Fun activities:
 - "Freeze Play" (play when teacher says "Go," stop when "Freeze!")
 - "Bell Swap" (kids trade bells to play different notes)

Weeks 9-12: Expanding Skills with New Songs

- ✓ Adding new songs:
 - "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"
 - "Bingo"
- ✓ Introducing basic dynamics (playing soft vs. loud)
- ✓ Playing songs in groups (each child plays only their assigned note)
- ✓ Fun activities:
 - "Follow the Conductor" (teacher directs tempo)
 - "Guess That Note" (listen and identify the note played)

Weeks 13-16: Building Confidence & Musical Patterns

✓ Adding new songs:

"Happy Birthday"

"The Wheels on the Bus"

✓ Learning note sequences & simple melodies

✓ Fun activities:

"Musical Storytelling" (playing bells to act out a simple story)

"Rhythm Relay" (each child plays their note in order)

Weeks 17-20: Expanding Creativity

✓ Learning more songs:

"Jingle Bells" (for holiday fun!)

"Old MacDonald Had a Farm"

✓ Encouraging creativity:

Let kids make up their own short tunes

Experiment with fast vs. slow tempos

✓ Fun activities:

"Create Your Own Song" challenge

"Handbell Parade" (march and play along to the beat)

Weeks 21-26: Review, Performance & Fun!

✓ Reviewing favorite songs from past weeks

✓ Practicing for a mini performance for parents

✓ Fun activities:

"Musical Freeze Dance"

"Play Along with a Story" (kids add sound effects to a simple story)

✓ Final concert in Week 26 🎉

☀️ Materials Needed:

✓ 8-color handbell set (C to High C)

✓ Color-coded song sheets

✓ Rhythm flashcards (clap, tap, slow/fast)

✓ Simple props (scarves, small instruments for variety)