

# Syllabus Preschool 8-Key Xylophone

## Music Class 26 Weeks



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

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 Xylophone Curriculum

#### 📅 Schedule Overview

Weeks 1-4: Introduction to xylophone, 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: Xylophone Basics & First Notes**

- ✓ Learning how to hold and play xylophone
- ✓ Introducing color-coded notes (matching 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 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 to act out a simple story)

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

## **Weeks 17-20: Expanding Creativity**

✓ Learning more songs:

"Jingle " (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

## **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 xylophonebell set (C to High C)

✓ Color-coded song sheets

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

✓ Simple props (scarves, small instruments for variety)