MR. DICKSON'S METHOD FOR BAND

Book Two

Flute

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"Strategies That Work When Learning New Music"

Read before you play

- Before you play, read through the music and say the letter names of the notes out loud.
- Before you play, tizzle the rhythms. Tap your foot while you do it, to keep a steady beat.

Set up for a good first note

- Finger the first note before you start to play the song, before you breathe.
- Breathe on the beat before you start. Breathe together to play together.

While you are playing

- Tap your foot gently with the beat while you play, and count your rests.
- Look ahead while you play, so you are ready for the next thing you have to play.

Use technology to help you learn

- When practicing at home, use a tuner app like Bandmate Chromatic Tuner (free version) to check if you are playing the right notes.
- When practicing at home, use a metronome app like Tempo by Frozen Ape (free version) to make sure you are keeping a steady beat.

When you get stuck on a hard part

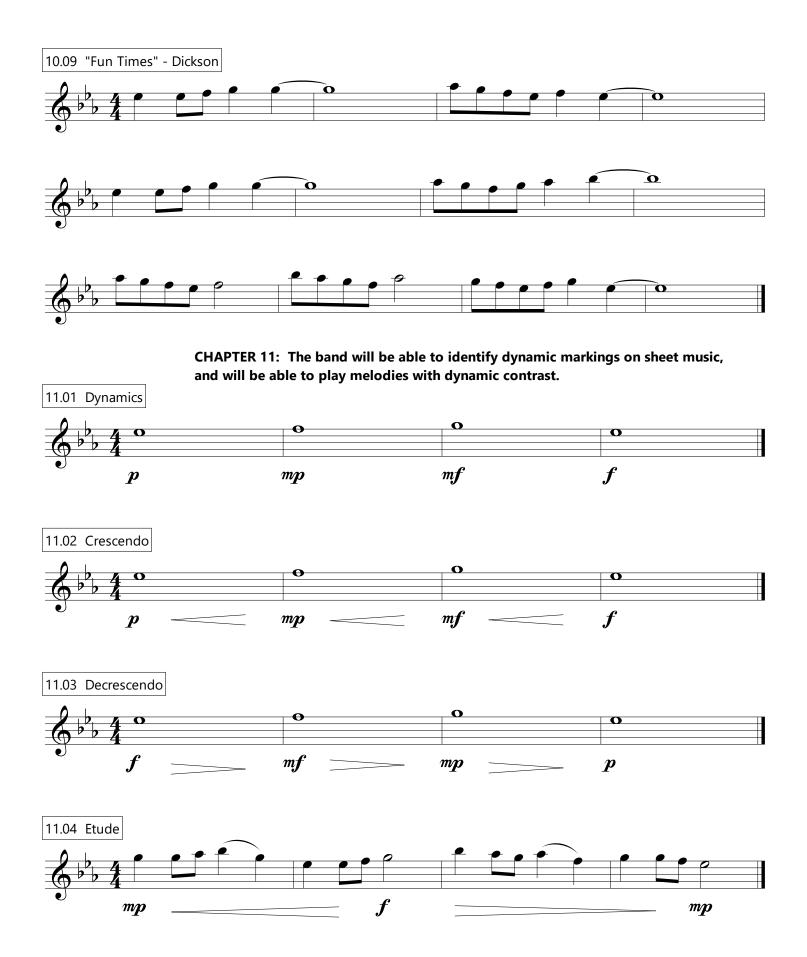
- First of all, it's not hard, it's just new. Keep trying, you'll get better.
- Find the notes that are difficult for you, and just play them over and over. Break it down to just 2 or 3 notes at a time, and play them as much as you can. Don't try to play the whole song yet if you really just need to work on a few tricky notes in the middle.
- Slowwwwww downnnnnnn. Play it really, really, really slowly. Speed will come later.
- Say the letter names of the notes out loud. Don't just think it, you have to say it out loud or it does not help.
- Tizzle the rhythms, or say the rhythms using a "dah" syllable.
- It's not about trying hard enough, it's about trying often enough.
 Don't try it 2 or 3 times and then give up. Your body needs more reps to learn new things.
 Try it 10-15 times, then move on to something else and come back to it later.
- Ask for help! Your teacher gets paid the big bucks to help you. Use them!

CHAPTER 10: The band will review notes and rhythms from Chapters 1-9, and strengthen their embouchure by playing melodies in a higher key. Clarinets will learn the note "low F" and be able to play melodies in their lower chalumeau register.

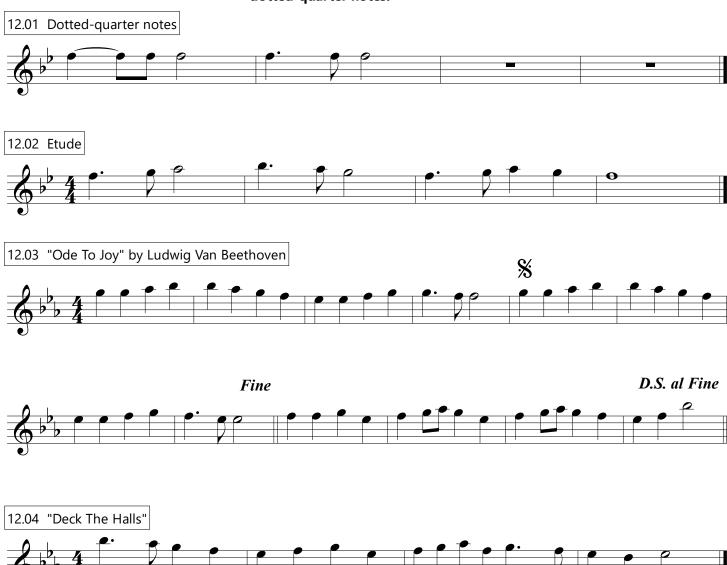
10.01 "Back To School Blues"







CHAPTER 12: The band will be able to count and play melodies with dotted-quarter notes.

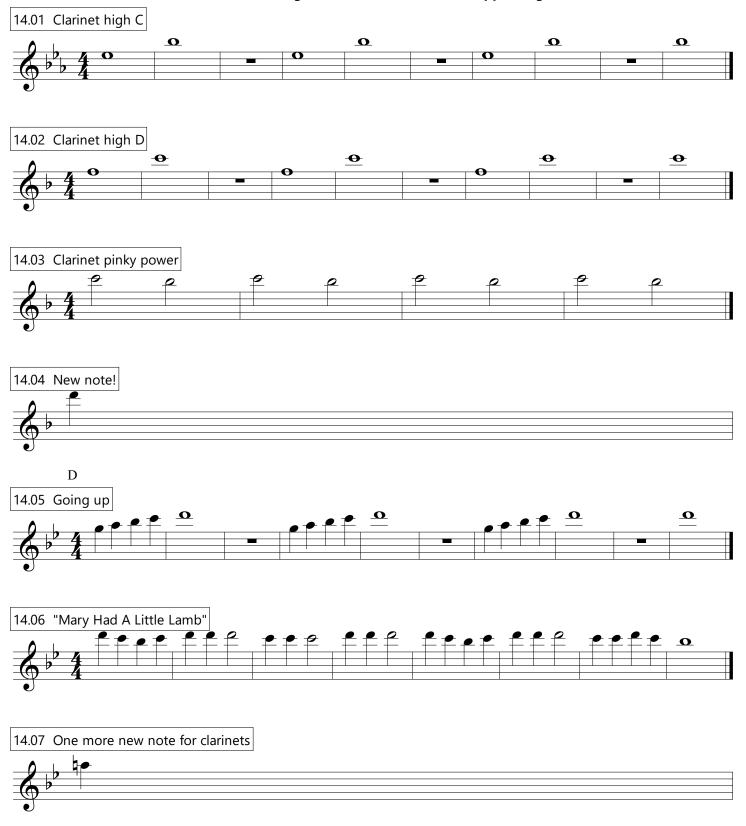




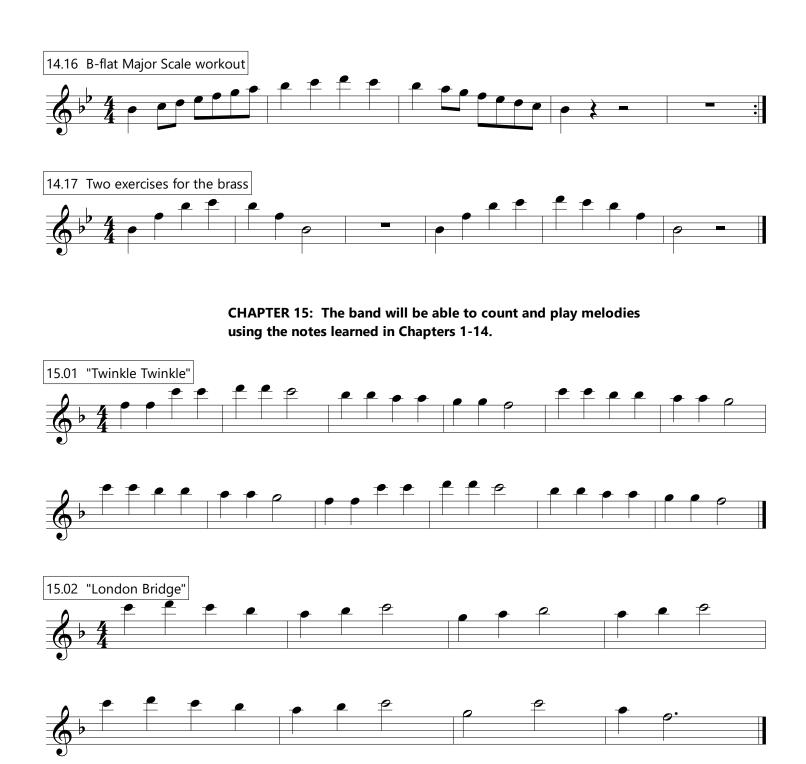
CHAPTER 13: The band will be able to read and play melodies using the new note "concert C".

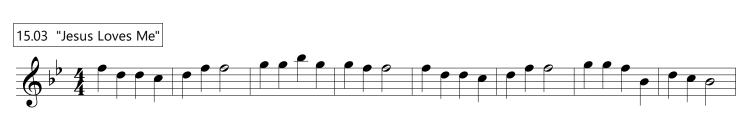


CHAPTER 14: The band will be able to read and play melodies using the new note "concert D". Clarinets will be able to read and play melodies using the notes of their clarion (upper) register.





















15.21 "Springtime Under Quarentine" - Dickson





