Introduction to Project:

This project was designed for North Central College EDN 501 “Authentic Assessment” during the summer of 2008. It is intended for use in an elementary school for fourth and fifth grade music students. In the Plainfield School District, students have music class once a week for 35 minutes. This is not a very large amount of time to spend with students, which means there are a limited amount of units that can be covered. I wrote this assignment to cover the entire year for both fourth and fifth grade. All of the standards can be applied to both grade levels with varying levels of difficult within the tasks. Many of these standards focus on basic elements of music such as singing, playing, reading, and notating. These elements of music are important, but so is a student’s ability to analyze music and evaluate performances. A good teacher doesn’t simply teach content, but life skills as well. For this reason, the majority of the tasks focus on three necessary social skills students will need in order to function in society.