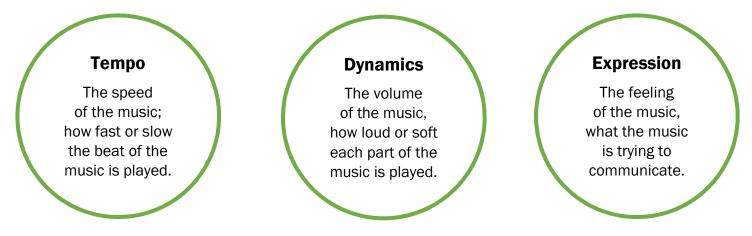


MEET THE ORCHESTRA

Making Music Together

Orchestra musicians and the conductor work together as a team to create incredible music. Three ingredients that the team must agree on to make music together are:



Choose a partner and discover how musicians and conductors work together!

- Step 1: Work together to choose a poem or short reading passage to perform.
- Step 2: Decide who will be the conductor and who will be the performer.
- Step 3: Prepare for your performance.
 - **The conductor** prepares for a performance by deciding what they will communicate. How will you show the performer tempo, dynamics, and expression? Use the chart on page 2 to plan what you will communicate to the performer and when. Remember, during the performance you can only use body movements, no words!
 - **The performer** prepares for a performance by learning their part inside and out. Practice reading your part out loud. What is your poem/reading passage about? Notice any words that are tricky. Practice saying them very slow and then very fast.

Preparing for the Performance		
Tempo: How fast or slow? Will the speed change at any point?	Dynamics: How loud or soft? Does the volume change? When?	Expression: What feelings are you trying to communicate? How?

Step 4: Work together to rehearse your performance. Rehearse is a fancy word for practice. During your rehearsal, the performer reads the poem/passage while the conductor directs. Use the plan you outlined above. Rehearse as much as you like until you are comfortable.

Step 5: Performance time! When you are ready, perform your poem/passage from start to finish for your classmates or friends. The conductor directs as the performer shares the poem/passage. Remember, during a performance you keep going no matter what happens!

Step 6: Reflect together on your performance.

- **Performer:** Was the conductor clear with their direction? Why or why not?
- **Conductor:** Did your partner perform the way you wanted? What would you change?

Congratulations! You did it! BRAVO!

