

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Due:** 10/15 or 10/16

## Living Room Concert #1 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band

**Directions:** Ask at least one adult (family members or friends) to be your audience. Politely ask the adult (who must be 18 years or older) to rate your performance (to the best of their knowledge) according to the expectations listed in the rubric below. The evaluating adult may also provide a written comment about your performance, and will provide their signature at the bottom of this page.

**Return this signed paper to Ms. DiMento during your first band class next week.**

<b>Expectations</b>	<b>Adult Rating</b>	
	They did their best!	Would benefit from a little more practice!
Child introduced the title of the song (#81 in their Standard of Excellence method book – “Frere Jacques”), and then performed it for their audience.		
Child practiced and perfected “Frere Jacques” on their own before performing it for you. <i>Child should be playing their instrument at home for at least 5 minutes every single day.</i>		
Child played the correct notes and with their most beautiful sound (to the best of your knowledge).		
Child played with good posture: sitting or standing tall, feet flat on the floor, looking straight ahead, and with correct hand position.		
Child accepted applause with grace, and thanked the audience for listening by bowing and smiling.		

**Adult Comment:**

**Adult Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# LIVING ROOM CONCERTS

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Parents,

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Like last year, your child will be receiving a “Living Room Concert” assignment in band class at the beginning of each week. The assignment will always be due during your child’s first band class of the following week. For each Living Room Concert, your child will be assigned a song or exercise to practice for the week, and then they will perform that song at home for you after they have practiced it. You will then fill out a sheet where you rate specific components of their performance and provide your signature. You do not need any knowledge of music to do this – simply fill out the sheet to the best of your ability. Your child will not be graded whatsoever on what you gave them as a rating, so please be truthful. My focus is that they are practicing at home, and that they are performing for you. The rating will simply tell me what they may be struggling with, and will show me what we need to work more on in class. You may also provide a comment at the bottom of the sheet if you wish, which could be about their performance, or a note to me with a question or concern.

A new Living Room Concert will be assigned every week, starting this week. I will always upload copies of each Living Room Concert to our Galvin Bands website and to your child’s Google Classroom page, so if your child ever loses their Living Room Concert sheet, you can print another copy from those two places. The grading is simple – if your child passes it in on time, they get full credit (100). If they pass it in late, they will receive five points off (95). I will accept late Living Room Concerts until the end of each quarter. If you ever want to know which assignments your child has passed in to me and which they are missing, you can look on iParent. I will try to update their grades every week.

I expect that your child will practice for at least 5 minutes every day at home. Practicing may include working on the songs I assign in class, or simply playing their instrument for fun. The more frequently they play their instrument, the faster they will progress and build muscle memory. My hope is that the Living Room Concerts will be a fun way to motivate students to practice at home, and to show you what they are learning. The performance and rating should only take a few minutes of your time each week. If you have any questions or concerns about these assignments, please feel free to contact me!

Sincerely,

Jenna DiMento

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