Visual and Performing Arts Performing Arts: Beginning Guitar Unit 2: Proper Strumming

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Essential Understandings	 One must be able to use a strumming pattern to create an accompaniment for a song.
Essential Questions	What are some of the most common strumming patterns?
Essential Knowledge	 Strumming chords requires that the student first know how to position the chords in the left hand prior to learning strumming in the right hand.
Vocabulary	 <u>Terms</u>: strumming, pick, common time, tempo, beat, chord
Essential Skills	 Demonstrate proper eye/hand coordination by reading music notation and playing what is written. Perform grade 1 and 2 pieces of different genres with proper technique and stylistic differences.
Related Maine Learning Results	 <u>Music</u> A. Creative Expression A1.Music Difficulty Students perform music that requires well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation, and the ability to perform various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys while modeling proper posture and technique alone or with others. B. Creation, Performance, and Expression B1.Style/Genre Students perform music of various styles and genres that require well-developed technical skills, attention to phrasing and interpretation and various meters and rhythms in a variety of keys, accurately applying the accumulated knowledge and skills of: proper posture and techniques, musical notation, symbols, and terminology. C. Creative Problem Solving C1.Application of Creative Process Students apply and analyze creative problem solving and creative-thinking skills to improve or vary their own work and the work of others.
Sample	Learn basic strumming patterns.
Lessons And	 Apply different strumming patterns to different songs.
Activities	
Sample	 Playing tests
Classroom	 Written theory test

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Assessment Methods	 Individual observation and critique 	
Sample Resources	 <u>Publications:</u> <u>Guitar Method</u> – Hal Leonard "The Ultimate Guitar Chord Chart" 	