6th Grade Vocabulary

1. Beat - The pulse of music.
2. Quarter note - Receives ONE beat of SOUND in 4/4.
3. Quarter rest - Receives ONE beat of SILENCE in 4/4.
4. Music Staff - Set of 5 lines and 4 spaces on which music is written.
5. Barlines - Vertical lines that divide the staff into measures.
6. Clef - Symbol that indicates a set of note names.
7. Time signature - Numbers that tell us how many beats are in a measure and what kind of note gets the beat.
8. Half note – Receives two beats of sound.
9. Whole note – Receives four beats of sound.
10. Ledger Lines – Lines that extend the staff above and below.
11. Double Bar – Written at the end of a piece of music.
12. Repeat sign – Double bar with two dots; instructs you to repeat the music.
13. Arco – To Bow
14. Pizzicato – To Pluck
15. Key Signature – Sharps/ flats at the beginning of the staff, between the CLEF and TIME SIGNATURE.
16. Bow Lift – Comma above the staff; lift your bow and reset it on the string at a new place.
17. Scale – A sequence of notes in ascending or descending order.
18. Tempo – the speed of music.
19. BPM – beats per minute. How tempo is measured.
20. Allegro – Fast tempo. ~130 BPM
21. Moderato – Medium tempo. ~100 BPM
22. Andante – Walking tempo. ~80 BPM.
23. Intonation – The accuracy of pitch.
24. Slur – Line connecting two different pitches. Play these without changing bow direction.
25. Subito – Suddenly
26. Dynamics – the volume of music.
27. Forte – Play loudly. Add more weight to the bow. F
28. Piano – Play quietly. Remove weight from the bow. P