BEGINNING BAND SKILL GOALS

*This is a list of things you should be able to do by the end of the year:*

* Produce an appropriate tone
* Use proper breath support (winds)
* Consistently use proper posture, embouchure, grip, and hand position
* Be able to tune instrument
* Read and interpret standard music notation, including terms
* Play in musical phrases
* Perform a range of dynamics and tempos
* Sight-read short exercises and pieces of grade level 1 and 2
* Demonstrate good rehearsal techniques
* Perform varied repertoire
* Perform as a member of the ensemble
* Improvise simple variations, both rhythmic and melodic
* Correctly write rhythmic dictation of one or two measure phrases in 2/4, 3/4 and 4/4 time
* Write a consequent phrase for a given antecedent phrase
* Identify strengths and weaknesses in a performance
* Play 2-4 major scales
* Self-assess and document personal growth as a musician