

Fundamentals For Band: 6th Grade Band

- Keep your stick height low.
- Check your grip. Palms down, sticks make a 'V' shape.
- Eyes on the music and your director, not your sticks.
- Count. Think 1-2-3-4 while you play and during rests.
- Wave your sticks with the beat during rests if it helps.
- Listen. Are you sticking out?
- Do not hit the drum. Allow the sticks to fall on the drum. Gravity is your friend, use it.
- Use your fingers and wrists. Do not swing your arms.

#1. Starting Note



#2. 8th Notes and 8th Note Buzzing

1 - 2 - 3 - up - down

repeat this pattern over and over...

#3 Accents

repeat this pattern over and over...

#4 Flexibility

#5 Buzz and Stop

repeat this pattern over and over...

#6 Counting Etude