Music Vocabulary Level 3

Accelerando – gradually increasing in tempo, getting faster

Accent – play the note louder

Allegro – fast, lively

Andante – walking speed

Chord – three or more notes sounding together

Crescendo – gradually increasing in volume, getting louder

Decrescendo – gradually decreasing in volume, getting softer

Fermata – hold longer than indicated

Half Step – the distance from one key to the next key

Ledger line – a short line that extends from the staff to create more lines and spaces. Middle C has a ledger line.

Natural – cancels the sharp or flat. Play the white key.

Phrase – a musical sentence

Whole step – the distance of two half steps