

## Fifth Grade concerts study guide

Dear Fifth-graders,

I am so happy to know that you will be attending the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra concert on February 19th. The program that we will play for you will include several works of different styles that I am sure you will enjoy. The concert will begin with a piece that will be played by the Northwest Florida Youth Symphony. This orchestra is made up of students from all around our area and they work very hard to sound as good as they possibly can. Please be sure to applaud when they finish playing for you!

After the youth symphony the NFSO will have a demonstration for you of the various instruments that make up an orchestra. Be sure to pay careful attention because I will be sure to quiz you on what you have learned.

The Northwest Florida Symphony will then perform part of the *William Tell Overture* by the great Italian composer Rossini. Even though most of you will not know the title of this piece I guarantee you will easily recognize the music!

The next piece on the concert is a very unusual piece that tells a story, in this case the story of *Tubby the Tuba*. Tubby is a tuba who is just trying to fit in. He is bigger and lower sounding than any of the other instruments in the orchestra and after overcoming some teasing becomes part of the orchestra family. The music will be narrated by Mr. John Leatherwood and his words along with the sounds of the orchestra will tell the story

Our concert will finish with 2 very talented students who will perform solos with the orchestra. They were both winners of a competition and as part of their prize will play part of a concerto. A concerto is a piece of music for a soloist and orchestra in which the soloist gets a chance to really show off how well they play their instrument. You will get to hear one student playing the piano and other student playing the harp.

The concert will last a little less than an hour and you should do your best to be very quiet while the orchestra is playing so that everyone can hear the music. You should always show your approval by clapping your hands at the end of each piece of music except that you should be sure to wait until the very end to applaud for Tubby the Tuba because that piece takes 12 minutes to perform.

I look forward to seeing you all on February 19<sup>th</sup> !

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