

#### As a Music Teacher

- teaching music and musical concepts is my primary focus
- teaching literacy and language skills is the classroom teacher's job – but ALL teachers in a school support teaching of literacy

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### **Music IS Literacy**

- Children who can keep the beat have improved fluency in language
  Read more here: https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2013/09/the-importance-of-keeping-the-beat/
- Reading a text more than once is a proven strategy to improve reading fluency - what better way than to learn a song?
- In music, children practice discrimination between pitches, types of voices, inflections, high/low, loud/quiet

Discriminating between similar auditory elements is **essential** for effective communication

Read more here: <a href="https://www.luther.edu/oneota-reading-journal/archive/2012/learning-literacy-through-music/">https://www.luther.edu/oneota-reading-journal/archive/2012/learning-literacy-through-music/</a>

- Decoding symbols, letters, words, and sentences, visual focus, and visual memory are port of music and literacy (Hanse at 2, 1000) Bead the Jobs (The Music and Literacy Commercion By Des Hansen, Elisias Bernstorf, Gayle M. Stuber
- Choral reading, repeated reading, echo reading and song reading are strategies to develop prosody. Learning songs improves fluency in language!!!

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- Fingerplays, chants and action songs are important tools to help children develop fluency and rhythm in language. Children learn new vocabulary, comprehension and fine motor skills as they show with their hands what the words mean.
- Songs teach many concepts: alphabet, counting, cultures, basic skills, and more!

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# Keep the Beat

 Researchers link ability to keep a beat to reading and language skills

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- tested high school students
- the more accurate the adolescents were at tapping along to the beat, the more consistent their brain response was to the speech syllable

## Keep Beat with Fingerplays -One Potato

One potato, two potato, three potato four.

Five potato, six potato, seven potato more.

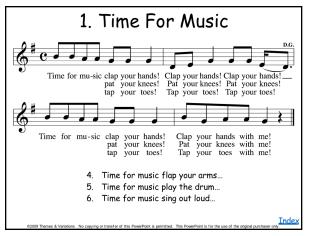
Eight potato, nine potato, here comes number ten.

Hot potato! Hot potato! Do it all again!

#### What skills and concepts are reinforced?

- counting, number recognition
- steady beat
- tempo music can slow down (ritard), fast

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# Keep the Beat

- keep beat with non-locomotor actions <u>Time</u> for <u>Music</u>, <u>Elephants Have Wrinkles</u>, <u>Monkey</u>s
- keep beat with locomotor <u>Choo Choo Train</u>
   (1), Follow Me Game (PK), Walk to School (K),
   Sam the Robot, Dooby Doo, Move to the Drum
- keep beat with instruments <u>Play and Stop</u>,
- Hello Beat Chant I LOVE this use to label beat

# Hello Chant

Beat, beat, feel the beat. Say hello to those you meet.

Hello Ty (echo) Hello Jason (echo). Hello Sophie, (echo). Hello Sam (echo)

Use a variety of voices - and the kids echo the way you speak

- high/low voices
- loud/quiet voices
- fast/slow
- singing/speaking/whisper/shouting voices.

Keep the beat with a clap or pat, then transfer to instruments. Discuss how the instrument is played and classify it. Put it in the Mystery Box!

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#### Play the Instruments Quickly

Play the instruments quickly, quickly, quickly. Play the instruments quickly, quickly, stop!

Play the instruments slowly, slowly, slowly, slowly, Play the instruments slowly, slowly, slowly, stop!

Play the instruments quietly, quietly, quietly, Play the instruments quietly, quietly, stop!

Play the instruments loudly, loudly, loudly, Play the instruments loudly, loudly, stop!

BEST way to get kids with instruments to behave! Use with sticks or whatever you have! I use this EVERY time I give instruments out.

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#### Play and Stop!





Fun song that makes kids listen. They play when there's singing, (there's a beat) And when it stops (no beat) they stop.

#### Read a text more than once

- "repeated readings and choral reading, two effective fluency strategies" pg 38
- https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/cgi/viewconte nt.cgi?article=1656&context=stu\_hon\_theses
- <u>Double Double</u> read text, then play

Double double, this, this. Double, double, that, that.

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# Decoding symbols — Double Double arrangement by D. Gagné Dou - ble, dou - ble, this, this. Dou - ble, dou - ble, that, that. Dou - ble this, dou - ble that. Dou - ble, dou - ble, this, that.

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#### Prosody - Reading with Expression

Strategies include:

- Choral reading
- repeated reading
- echo reading
- song reading

Example: I am a Pizza

# Fingerplays, chants, action songs

- · develop vocabulary, improve comprehension
- BIG 3 Es engage, entertain, educate
- · Develop Vocabulary, comprehension
- Develop beat/rhythm, expressive qualities
- · From a very young age, children mimic

Examples:

Here is the Beehive Open, Shut Them Alligator Alarm

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#### Here is the Beehive

Fingerplay, dramatize so awaken imagination, buzz up and down for vocal development, discrimination, doing actions helps to develop fine muscle co-ordination, express emotions

Here is the beehive.

Where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees.

Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive,

1-2-3-4-5 bzzzz

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#### **Open Shut Them**

Doing actions helps children understand meaning of the words

Open, shut them. Open, shut them. Give a little clap, clap, clap. Open, shut them. Open, shut them. Put them in your lap, lap, lap.

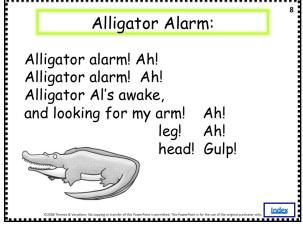
Up and down. Up and down. Up, up, up, up, down, down, down. Up and down. Up, down, down, down, down, down, down.

Big and small. Big and small. Big, big, big, big, small, small. Big and small. Big and small. Big, big, big, big, small, small.

Hot and cold. Hot and cold. Hot, hot, hot, hot, cold, cold, cold. Hot and cold. Hot and cold. Hot, hot, hot, hot, cold, cold, cold.

Loud and quiet. Loud and quiet. Loud, loud, loud, loud, quiet, sh! Loud and quiet. Loud and quiet. Loud, loud, loud, loud, quiet, sh!







#### **Top 10 Storybooks for Music Class**

- 1. Mortimer, by Robert Munsch
- 2. Up Up Down, by Robert Munsch
- 3. All Are Welcome, by Alexandra Penfold
- 4. Pete the Cat Rockin' in My School Shoes
- 5. Pete the Cat And His 4 Groovy Buttons
- 6. Tacky the Penguin Helen Lester
- 7. Shark in the Park Nick Sharratt
- 8. Brown Bear by Bill Martin Jr.
- 9. Elmer the Elephant by David McKee
- 10. Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert

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# Mortimer storybook

- · Clang, clang, rattlebing bang song
- · Play unpitched instruments while you sing
- Download mp3 of song: www.robertmunsch.com
- Thump Thump play on drums
- Mortimer be quiet! All say.
- The big fight "rumble" on instruments



