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February FUN!

Lunar New Year ~ Valentine's Day ~ Black History Month

It's tough to decide what to focus on in February! Whether you want to celebrate Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day or Black History Month --- or ALL of them, Musicplayonline has units, songs in the song list and listening activities for you.

The February Fun Webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, January 25th, 2023 at 5:00-6:00 pm MST 7:00-8:00 PM EST

Register at www.workshops.musicplay.ca

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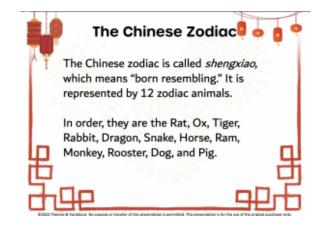
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The webinar will feature a selection of Denise's favorite activities from the song list (and Learning modules), Units and Listening activities.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year started Jan. 22, but it's not too late to do a fun lesson on the Chinese Zodiac

UNITS - Lunar New Year



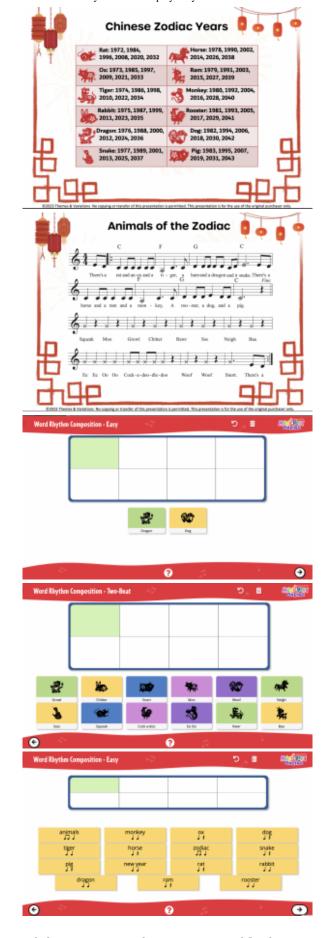
Look up your year!

Teach a song with animal effects - play the effects on instruments or have fun with vocal effects.

Create a B Section with word rhythms - Easy

Create a B Section with all the animals

Create a B Section with sound effects



There are worksheets, printable manipulatives, solfa/note

name practice, piano accompaniment - great lesson!

Valentine's Day

Rig a Jig Jig - a fun song about friends.

Valentine's is a good time to talk about friendship in class and encourage the students to be friendly with all!

The clap game has a kids demo. The students in the class form a circle (or two circles). The class sings the verse softly while the first student walks slowly around the circle looking for a partner. The first student chooses a partner after the words "a friend of mine I chanced to meet." The singing becomes louder as the two students skip around the outside of the circle. At the next verse, they both walk alone and both choose new partners. Continue until all students in the class are chosen.





There are too many Valentine favorites to describe them all. Search "Valentine" for all the related songs, units and activitiesl. A few more of my favorites include:

- in PreK, but can use for PK, K, 1 I like Valentines. This is a simple echo song, so easy to teach in 1 lesson.
- in K, but can use for PK, K, 1 Another I Like Valentines dynamic contrast, so good loud/quiet practice
- in Gr. 1 I Like You this has Valentine word option OR friend word option. Always a favorite, with many rhythm reading extensions include word rhythm composition, 1 or 2 sounds, and matching worksheet/manipulatives

- in Gr. 2 I Sent a Valentine fun chase game that kids love.
- in Gr. 2 but use with 2-5 Tony Chestnut knows I love you. Great tempo teaching song and FUN!!!
- in Gr. 3 Love Somebody great song for working on 16th note rhythms. I play this as a chase game. FUN!!!

Love Somebody has many beat/rhythm extensions including sounds on a beat (to label 16ths), Rhythm Sort and Rhythm Erase.

- In Gr. 4 lovely traditional round, "Make New Friends"
- In JJ Songs for a Brighter World Friends Forever, and Sing-A-Long are great friendship songs for upper elementary
- UNITS Valentine's Day has many great activities What Makes a Good Friend and Valentine themed Recorder Mad Minutes and interactive

Black History Month

African American Singing Games and African Songs from Our Musical World.

Singing Games
12. Obwisana
19. Kye Kye Koolay
33. Green Sally Up
60. Circle 'Round the Zero
65. Tue Tue
Tànk Loxo Nopp
Maua Mazuri

Choral Music - Hymn to Freedom by Oscar Peterson is an amazing and uplifting song by a Canadian Jazz icon!

A longer lesson on Oscar Peterson can be found in Lesson 16 - January Week 1 - Middle School

Choral I Shall Not Be Moved 62. Wai Bamba Maple Leaf Rag 102. Siyahamba Hold On To Your Dream Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymn to Freedom **Spirituals** Kumbayah 42. Follow the Drinkin' Gourd Michael Row **61.** Hymn to Freedom **63.** Wade in the Water I Shall Not Be Moved

Spirituals

Read a 2009 article in NAfME journal about spirituals.

https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0027432109351686? journalCode=mejc

NEW - John Jacobson Biopic on Scott Joplin



John Jacobson song - Maple Leaf Rag

The lyrics teach about Scott Joplin - set to the Maple Leaf Rag



John Jacobson choreography for Maple Leaf Rag



WEBINAR WEDNESDAY - Jan 25, 2023
February FUN!!!
Tips and Tricks for a painless recorder program
with Denise Gagne
5:00 MTD / 7:00 PM EST. (a little later as Denise has an earlier webinar)

Join the FREE Zoom webinar on Wed. Jan. 25th at 5:00 Mtn / 7:00 EST

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