Easy Lesson Planning – Wednesday Webinar, Sept 6, 2023

1. Learning Modules – pre-built song based lessons for PreK-middle school for each week of the school year
2. Customize Denise's modules – copy to My List and make them your own!!!
3. August will be different next year – 1st class, 2nd class, etc.
4. Sept-June is where song sequence officially starts --- when ALL schools in North America (sorry Australians) are back to school.

Upper Elementary – song based sequence is not always the most successful – consider doing units or instruments instead. For your older students on Musicplayonline I suggest Units, Instruments, and specific Modules:

- Ukulele or Guitar – there are methods online to learn how to chord on guitar or on ukulele, and there are links to pop songs that are clean and we've leveled them. The older kids like learning them and can start literally in the first lesson.
- Recorder 2 is for SSA, and we've just added Jazz Cats Recorder and Blues Cats Recorder to the recorder section. Great for Gr. 4-5-6. Jazz and Blues Cats Recorder both have lots of opportunities for kids to improvise.
- Jazz Lessons - Jazz History Module was part of Gr. 5-6 modules Jan-March. Great Unit. We've added more jazzy songs to the module, so more performance, and the jazz recorder is awesome. Do a project at the end of the unit to have kids study a jazz artist, and present to the class.
- Body Percussion Lessons 6-13 with Cristian are great for older kids.
- Body Percussion Advanced is even more challenging. Cristian has done 2 songs – Wavin Flag, and Better when I'm Dancing and a solo performance piece. Extend the learning by having students create their own body percussion routines. Have them choose pop songs, and create body percussion to go with it.
- Bucket Drumming is now in instruments. This is fun, and I'll be adding to it this year. Go to Learning Modules-Bucket Drumming. I've done arrangements for buckets of some pop songs. (We Will Rock You, Dance Monkey, Wavin Flag, Dynamite, La Bamba, Midnight Special). I would extend this as a project. Have students choose an age-appropriate pop song and arrange it for bucket drum, then teach it to the class.

There are now many new pop songs by John Jacobson – with choreography and some with bucket drumming
On the Discover page (home Page) click on John Jacobson's photo – then select Just Sing (pop and Broadway)

Many General Music classes for Gr. 7-8 will explore things like

Bandlab – creating electronic music for kids. It's free, but kids need devices.
Chrome Music Lab – we have a Star Wars Lesson for kids on MPO. It's in Learning Modules-General
Stomp – view several stomp performances, analyze how they create ostinatos, then overlap them, then try to create your own.
Modern Rock band – if you have the instruments, this is a natural extension of teaching the guitar. Start with the pop song links from the Guitar or Ukulele section of Musicplayonline.

In teaching older kids, I have rarely followed the song sequence in Musicplay exactly, and have much more often taught them using Units or taught them to play Instruments.

I Can Statements – based on what's taught in Learning Modules – so not identical to I Can statements for National Standards. Choose or create your I Can statements based on your own district or state curriculum. Texas TEKS are very different than Nevada standards.