

Musicplay Fall 2004 Newsletter

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Everyone's back at school and fall is already in the air. This newsletter will highlight some of the musical activities for fall music classes that are found in the Musicplay program.

Line-up Procedures:

Every fall the students need to review lineup procedures. Songs and chants are given in Musicplay to help children remember how to line up without chaos. The following song comes from Musicplay for Kindergarten.

Follow Follow Me

Ann Wood

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the song 'Follow Follow Me'. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'Fol - low fol - low me in a line, in a line.' The second staff has the same key signature and time signature. The melody continues with quarter notes and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics are: 'Fol - low fol - low me and we'll stop like this!' The piece ends with a double bar line.

Directions: At the end of a music class, or a PE class, sing the song and have the children follow you, imitating whatever action you choose to do. At the end of the song, freeze into a goofy pose and have all children freeze like you do. Choose a student leader next and have the class copy what the student leader does.

Other Lineup Chants:

K: Put your finger on your lip (The melody is from "If you're Happy and you know it")

Put your finger on your lip, on your lip.

Put your hand on your hip, on your hip.

Put your finger on your lip and your hand on your hip.

Put your finger on your lip, on your lip.

1: Line Up Chant

Keep the Beat in your feet 1 2 3 4 as you follow Stacy to the door.

(Choose a child that you would like the students to follow. Insert her name into the song. Repeat the chant until the children are at the door.)

Some of the game songs in Musicplay can be turned into line-up activities:

Musicplay 1: Snail Snail, Hop Old Squirrel

Musicplay 2: Engine Engine

Other routines need to be reviewed. Children need to be reminded to sit with good posture when they sing. I also used this chant with beginning band students as a quick reminder of good posture when playing instruments.

Posture Chant

2 4 6 8 Everybody sit up straight.

Put your feet on the floor.

Sit ahead a little more.

Body Scale: Have the students show how the notes go higher and lower by showing them on a body scale.

The body scale that I use is:

low do: touch toes
re touch ankles
mi touch knees
fa touch thighs
so touch tummy
la touch shoulders
ti touch head
do reach hands way up in the air

Show the notes of the scale with manipulatives:

Step Bells: This is a bell set with each note on a step. Whole steps are shown as larger steps than half steps. You can purchase step bells from companies such as RBI or Empire music. (Empire 1-800-663-6997)

Vinyl Floor Piano: I purchased a toy vinyl floor piano from Toys 'R Us. Instead of leaving it on the floor, I hung it on the wall, placing the keys of piano so they showed low to high. Children can see very clearly how the notes of the scale moved when the teacher plays the song on a wall piano. Any keyboard can be turned upright to demonstrate how the notes of the scale move from low to high. This summer I found 2 little lightweight keyboards at garage sales for \$2 each.

Boomwhackers®: Boomwhackers are colored percussion tubes. The tubes vary in size - the longer tubes are lower notes and shorter tubes are higher notes. You need a diatonic set of boomwhackers to play the scale. Give out the tubes to the students in scale order: C D E F G A B C' Have the students play the notes of the song when you point to them.

Other Scale Songs in Musicplay:

Musicplay for Kindergarten: Snowman Joe #70

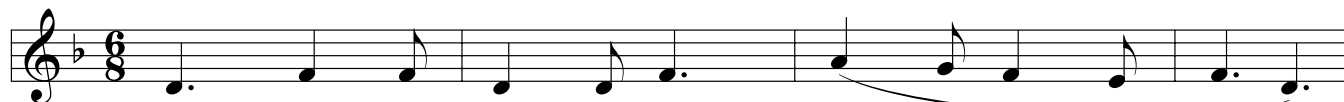
Musicplay 1: Elevator#44, Icicles #57, I Know a Little Pussy

Musicplay 4: Scale Round

Musicplay 5: Scale Round

Halloween: Halloween was my own children's favorite holiday. It's still the favorite holiday for many children, but many families no longer celebrate Halloween. I've always liked Halloween songs because they were often in a minor key, and had lots of opportunities for adding sound effects. The song "Bats and Cats" will be a fun song to teach in October, whether or not your school celebrates Halloween.

Bats and Cats:



Bats fly a - cross the sky. Oo_____
Black cats creep in the night. meow_____
Ro - bots go clink and clank. ee ee meow ee meow ee ee



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Accompany with a simple DA bordun on Orff instruments. Add sound effects with rhythm instruments.

For Halloween in Musicplay Grade 6, is the old camp song “Oh my Darling Frankenstein”. Again, this has been fine to use with students who celebrate and students who don’t celebrate Halloween.

Oh my Darling Frankenstein

Oh my darling, oh my darling, oh my darling Frankenstein.
You are lost and gone forever dreadful sorry Frankenstein.

I was working with my test tubes in my laboratory fine,
When one night I broke my glasses and I made a Frankenstein.

Refrain

He was charming, he was handsome, and I nailed his head on tight,
Oh, his teeth were white and pearly and his eyes came out at night.

Refrain

Well, his nose, I made it quickly from a rotten apple core,
And his tongue was nice and purple and it hung down to the floor.

Refrain

Frankenstein helped in the kitchen. He was making up a cake,
When he fell into the mixer and got whipped up by mistake.

Refrain

Baking nicely in the oven, oh, the cake it turned out fine.
Told my friends that they were raisins, but those lumps were Frankenstein.

Refrain

Updates Available for Musicplay:

2004:

* New worksheets for Grade 6 Musicplay

These worksheets were written so that Musicplay would conform completely with the Texas music curriculum. Some of the worksheets are to teach expectations that are not required in other states or provinces, but you may find them useful.

* Answer key for Grade 6 worksheets

* Texas folk songs to play on recorder have been added to Grade 5 Musicplay

2003:

* assessment worksheets for Grade 4 and 5 Musicplay

These worksheets were written at the request of an Ontario teacher who wanted more assessment materials. These worksheets provide lots of practice in note reading and writing.

* checklists for assessment Musicplay 1-2-3

2002:

* detailed lesson plans were added to Musicplay 1-5 binders.

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* listening kits were written for levels 1-5. The listening materials for K and 6 are included in the binders.

How to get updates:

Email tvmusic@agt.net and request updates to grade levels that you have. The updates that you request will be sent to you as pdf files for you to print. If you want a completely new teacher guide, mail your old guide back to us with a request and \$5 to cover shipping.

What's Planned: A major update is planned for Musicplay Grade 1 this fall. I'm replacing any songs that are repeated in Grade 2 with brand new songs. The songs have been chosen to teach the same concepts and skills as those that they are replacing. These new songs and recordings will be in the binders/CDs for people purchasing Musicplay 1 after Nov. 1/2004. The new songs and accompanying print material, will be available (at a discounted cost) on a separate CD for teachers who already have Musicplay 1. If you love the Grade 1 program as it is now, you don't have to change or add anything. Email for a list of the new songs: tvmusic@agt.net

What's New? New materials for 2004-05

Rhythm Dice Games: For Grade 3-8 \$20

Teach your students note values, rhythm reading using rhythm dice games. Worksheets introduce note values and rhythm reading to your students. Then the students can begin playing games to practice what they've learned. Games include "Scales and Slides" (like Snakes and Ladders), "Steeplechase", "High-Low", "Make a Square" and more. Comes with 20 rhythm dice.

Dance - Exercise CDs:

We are now carrying a selection of dance and exercise books and CDs. Alberta schools are now required to teach daily phys-ed, but the schools don't have more time in gymnasiums. You can use the exercise CDs to have daily activity without leaving your classroom.

Step Lively: Dances for schools SL1 \$40

Step Lively 2: Canadian Dance Favorites SL2 \$40

Step Lively 3: Primary Dances SL3 \$40

Kimbo:

Dances in a Line: KEA1147 \$20

Motown Dances KIM 9152 \$20

All Time Favorite Dances KIM 9126 \$20

All Time Favorite Dances DVD KV100DVD \$30

Children's Folk Dances KIM 9149 \$20

Dance Party Fun KIM 9166 \$20

Sittercise KIM2045 \$20

Cool Aerobics for Kids KIM9156 \$20

Everybody Dance CD KIM 9131 CD \$20

Everybody Dance DVD KV300DVD \$30

Children's CDs:

We have some wonderful children's CDs by Brent Holmes and Michael Mitchell. Brent's CDs are great for units on bears, oceans or cows. Michael's CDs have excellent Canadian folk song material.

Michael Mitchell:

MM1 Canada is For Kids Vol. 1 \$15

MM2 Canada is For Kids Vol. 1 INSTRUMENTAL \$15

MM3 Canada is For Kids Vol. 2 \$15

MM4 Canada is For Kids Vol. 2 INSTRUMENTAL \$15

Brent Holmes:

BH1 Bear Tunes for Kids \$20

BH2 Cow Tunes for Kids \$20

BH3 Sea Tunes for Kids \$20

Email for a list of songs on each of the Kimbo CDs.
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2004 Musicplay Workshops

A play based approach to teaching elementary music

At this workshop you will receive a complete **100+ page** Musicplay teacher guide with **4 CD's** for one grade - year plans, lesson plans, songs and game directions for teaching elementary classroom music. The Musicplay music program is an award winning Canadian, play based elementary music program. This program uses the singing games that children love, as the basis of teaching music curriculum. This program integrates with and enhances language arts, social studies and science curriculums. The workshop will take you through the teaching process in a participatory, hands on, activity filled day. Come in comfortable clothing so that you can play games. This workshop is suitable for both the classroom teacher with limited musical experience, and the music specialist. Ideas for Christmas concerts will be included. Register early, prepay, and we can send the handout now! Musicplay for Kindergarten and Grade 6 Musicplay are now available! *If you already have Musicplay you can take the workshop for \$60 This fee includes the GST, coffee, and snacks. Lunch is included in several locations. Additional handouts will be given to all workshop participants.*

Calgary

Date: **Wed., Oct 6, 2004**

K-6 Musicplay

Denise Gagne, presenter

Location: Balzac Hall

Time: 9:30 - 3:00 PM

* lunch included

Hamilton

K-6 Musicplay

Denise Gagne, presenter

Date: Wednesday, Oct 27th/04

Location: Emmanuel United

871 Upper Ottawa St.

Time: 9:30 - 3:00 PM

* lunch included

Vancouver (Langley)

Date: **Friday, Oct. 22,04**

Location: Newlands Golf Course,

21025 - 48th Avenue, Langley, BC

Time: 9:30 - 3:00 PM

Kindergarten - Literacy & Learn:

Carmen Bryant & Roberta Rovtar

Musicplay 1-6

Danece Workman

Edmonton

Date: **Friday, Oct 15, 2004**

K-6 Musicplay

Denise Gagne, presenter

Location: St Pauls Lutheran

5104 Ellerslie Rd SW

Time: 9:30 - 3:00 PM

* pizza lunch included

2004 Workshop Registration:

Name: _____ Email : _____

School: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____ Grade(s) you teach: _____

Telephone: work: _____ home: _____ Fax: _____

What grade would you like a teacher's guide for ? (circle one) K 1 2 3 4 5 6

City you are registering for: _____ Vancouver teachers: which session? K 1-3
3-6

Date of the workshop: _____ **We will confirm registration by email - please include!!! In the event of last minute problems, contact information is crucial!**

Fax registration to 1-888-562-4647 or email: tvmusic@agt.net

Mail to: Themes & Variations, Box 25109 Deer Park PO, Red Deer, AB T4R 2M2

Workshop with binder/CD's: \$160 _____ or Workshop only: \$60 _____ (includes GST)

Visa or Mastercard MC or Visa # _____ expiry: _____

Payable by check, visa or invoice school: Invoice school: _____ PO# _____

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