

IDEAS FOR ELEMENTARY MUSIC LEARNING AT HOME

Hello, 2nd grade Viking families! I hope you are enjoying your time at home with your families despite the unprecedented time we are in. I miss all of you and hope to be able to make music together again sometime soon! Two weeks ago, Mrs. Waldron sent a music department letter with ideas of things you could do at home to enrich your days with music. I wanted to send a special list of ideas to you, some of which were in this letter as well as some new things.

We recently adopted a new music curriculum. They have graciously opened up more resources on their online site for students to utilize while they are at home. Musicplayonline.com is the website. If students participate in any activities, I would love to see them!

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Here are some more fun and educational online resources as well as other musical activities:

Websites/videos for younger musicians

- pbskids.org/games/music provides a variety of fun music games.
- Classicsforkids.com is a great site for listening activities and games for all ages.
- Search “Line Riders” on YouTube for choreographed drawings to classical pieces. They are a fun way to learn the melodies of classics!
- www.makingmusicfun.net has some paid services, but some great free worksheets and activities such as this orchestra scavenger hunt worksheet for 2nd-5th grade students. There are resources for PK-5 on this site.
 - [Orchestra Scavenger Hunt Worksheet](#)
- [Chrome Music Lab](#) is a site where you can compose using a variety of sound, layering, instrument & rhythm options.
- www.incredibox.com is a free web-based music mixing game. The app costs \$3.99.

Free apps for learning music

- **Rhythm Cat Lite** (2nd-5th grade)--paid version also available
- **The Drumables** (3-8 year olds) A fun way to learn how to play a drum kit, with lessons, music and games
- [Drumbit.app](#) is a free online drum pad app. It is fun to make different beats to dance to.

Listen and move to music!

- First, find appropriate music on YouTube or other streaming app. Examples of high-quality music could include: The Piano Guys, the Learning Groove music by Eric Litwin (author of *Pete the Cat* books), Laurie Berkner, or sound tracks from children's movies.
- Get inspired by watching videos of children's choirs, talent shows, child prodigies, etc. such as:
 - This is Me (from *The Greatest Showman*) - by Voice of Hope Children's Choir performing on *America's Got Talent*
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w-iGQhYnmPk>
 - Believer (Imagine Dragons) - by One Voice Children's Choir (w/dancers)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FUQheX3PSnY>
 - Michael Jackson Tribute - Heal the World (Child Prodigy Cover)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6d6Yo3DwVI>
 - 3-Year-Old Prodigy Plays Drum Like A Pro (drum solo starts 3 min. into the video)
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLPGMG42pRE>
- Move and Freeze~dance until the music stops!
- Dance-Off~one person moves, and another has to do something a little similar, yet different as the person before them.
- Keep the Beat~body percussion~how many places/ways, can you keep the beat to a song? Stamp, pat, clap, learn to snap, learn to whistle, click your tongue, do a combination of all of these!
- Listen while doing other necessary tasks: learn to tie shoes, write in cursive, clean up a room!
- Keep the Beat~[Make an instrument](#).~how many household items can be used to keep a beat? Spoons, plasticware, paper plates and pencils, water bottle filled with rice,
- Go for walks and listen to the music in nature. Find the steady beat in everyday sounds.

- Sing or have a family Karaoke night! (KidzBop has done a lot of fun popular songs with clean lyrics.)
- Add sound effects to books!
- Dig out that old guitar or harmonica you've been meaning to play...
- Gonoodle.com has lots of activities for music, mindfulness, and exercise for Pk-5th Grade. Create a free account and have fun!

Other music activities

- **April Music Activity Calendar** - see how many of these activities you can do! Check off each box once you have completed an activity. I just might have a little prize for anyone who completes all of them! (This was shared with me by another music teacher, so disregard the teacher's email address in the PDF.)
<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1G0t4rQo4o7do-txfgtQuZ5fEfEKb6bAR>
- **Interviews** - Interview family members about their musical backgrounds and interests. What is their favorite song right now and why? What instruments do they play? What does music mean to them? Who are their favorite artists? Students can record the responses they get and also answer the questions themselves.
- **Little Einstein's Orchestra Ocean Treasure Hunt**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYcQ4nZ-6Ls>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email! I would enjoy helping you enrich your days with music in any way! I hope you find some fun and interesting musical things to do!

Sincerely,

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