

1st Grade Music at Home

Parents, here is a list of music activities students can work on at home with varying amounts of help. Choosing a few activities to work on will help keep music in your child's weekly routine as well as keep us from losing ground in our curriculum. We normally have 30 minutes of music per week but feel free to incorporate music into your schedule however works best for you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

1) Practice writing and clapping rhythms using the symbols we know

Ex = | ta ta ta ta | ta ta ti ti ta | ta ti ti ta ta | ta ti ti ti ti ta |

Ex = | ta ta ta ta | ta ta R ta | ta ta ta R | ta ta ti ti ta |

Can you create new rhythms to practice? Start easy and make it more complicated as you go!

- eighth notes = ti ti (two sounds in 1 beat)
- quarter note = ta (1 beat)
- quarter rest = rest (no clap!)
- half note = ta-a (2 beats) * New!
- whole note = ta-a-a-a (4 beats) * New!

2) Practice singing our songs and other songs you like

* Can you pat/step the beat or clap the rhythm while you sing? Can you do the movement?

- Welcome Song
- Snail, Snail
- Choo Choo Train
- Jack and Jill
- I Can Sing a High Note
- Goodbye Song

3) Listen to "Carnival of the Animals" songs (like we did for Aviary and Elephants)

- * Try "Aquarium", "Kangaroos", and/or "Tortoises" * (you can find them on YouTube)
- Think about the music: beat (fast/slow), rhythm (short/long), pitch (high/low), style (smooth, jumpy, connected, spaced, etc.), feel (calming, exciting, happy, sad, etc.)
- Write 4 sentences with your thoughts on the music OR
- Draw a picture of what you hear OR
- Compare two different songs: How are they similar or different?

4) Watch "The Sound of Music" - Rated G, 174 minutes

- We will be using the song "Do Re Mi" throughout our 1st Grade Music classes

I look forward to making music with you again soon!

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