

Welcome to Music Education in Elementary Grades!

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What is Basic?

We teach to musical understanding—that is, to thinking and acting musically. There are a variety of ways to become musical. They involve ACTIVE learning:

as performers: singing, playing instruments

as creators: composing, improvising, arranging

as listeners: analyzing, grouping, etc.



Children need to sing, play instruments, improvise, move, compose, arrange, read, and write music – as age appropriate.

Basics are: beat, tempo, meter, rhythm, dynamics, timbre, pitch, form, harmony, texture, expressive elements

First: DO! Enact, experience

Second: Understand iconically

Third: Learn symbol systems



Activity:

In pairs, trios or groups of four remember what your elementary music class was like. Prepare to share with the class.

Activity:

Break off into groups of four and come up with a song you used to sing as a child (maybe 2 because another group might find the same song). Choose instruments or piano to accompany, rehearse and get ready to sing with the class.

List of Songs and Activities for Today:

- Where is Thumbkin?
- Jenny Jenkins
- Miss Mary Mack
- Seniorita
- Here Comes Zodiac
- Beth has an activity to teach