

Some Music lessons to work on while you are at home.

The following sites on youtube are recommended for music students to practice and expand upon the skills that they have been developing in music class during this school year.

For Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and as a review for 2nd Grade, I recommend the following activities found on youtube. There are 2 ways for you to access these educational music activities. The first would be to access youtube through your computer, tablet, or other electronic device. In the search bar, type in:

“ music lesson compilation for kids prodigies music lesson”

Look for the collection of music activities and lessons (usually first or second selection available)

This is a collection of music lessons lasting approximately 53 minutes covering the concepts of beat, rhythm, beginning melody reading which we have spent time on in our regular music class. A few of the videos include the use of bells. These videos also call for singing the pitches, but a child’s toy xylophone can also be used and the color of the bells match the toy colors in many cases.

The second way to access these videos is to try to click on the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9WAvSPjHmY&t=7s>

A second set of instructional videos which cover musical concepts which we also learned or are scheduled to learn in class is called “the music show” A series of 8 short videos teaching the concepts and terminology necessary for reading basic music notation. Again, there are two ways to access these videos in youtube. The search words that I type in are:

“the music show episode 1” (simply replace the number of the episode as you move through the series)

Or click on the link below to begin the series

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+music+show+episode+1

For upper grade students, grades 3-5 although younger students may find value in attempting these also, I recommend the series of videos teaching basic musical concepts presented by music k8. These videos are presented free on youtube. Access them by searching youtube for

“music k8 concept songs”, or following the link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hkjb5gfH2Y&list=PLVLu-aq6MSI-8mYPsne2ZAgEFoN3S6LKo>

Upper grades may should also practice their rhythm reading skills with the following videos:

Youtube search: “lectura ritmica angry birds HD” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BN0d3l1B3ao>

“Lectura ritmica mario bros HD” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdATT7rO5BQ>

“Lectura ritmica in the hall of the mountain king” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wk43IDUQmTk>

“lectura ritmica carmen overture” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V4kICGTlaeg>

A selection of songs are available for rhythm reading, these can be found by searching in youtube:

“percussion play-along music lessons for teachers”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-YtK_EvmiY&list=PL2mHraZxoflx-X-l6jdM-oKMROOT_p9MI

the percussion play along songs call for specific classroom instruments. These can be substituted with items from around the house to imitate specific sounds or the use of body percussion (claps, snaps, pats, stomps, etc..) I recommend that younger students play only one of the sounds as indicated on the video and a parent or sibling could play the other sounds. Older students may enjoy the challenge of playing all of the sounds as they appear on the video.

As we spend this time secluded from our normal activities, parents and students may enjoy some movement and activity. As a movement activity I often use videos sponsored by The Learning Station. These action songs are a great way to get up and get moving to the music and they often feature songs that both you and your child already know and can enjoy together.

Youtube search: "the learning station"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raMEQzGVY3w>

I hope you will find a little time each day to enjoy reviewing these basic musical concepts which we generally cover in music classes. You will notice that there is a wide range of music included. Please take a minute to explore some of the titles and listen to the original composition as an activity all by itself.