Music Teaching Resources and Strategies

Music Skills

Singing

Vocally performing alone and with others, changing dynamics, singing expressively and using appropriate rhythm and posture

Playing Instruments

Learning and performing with other performers or by self

Listening Analytically

Developing an ability to listen and identify music elements, characteristics of styles and genres

Creating

Using sounds to create songs with a beginning, middle and end.

Notating/Reading

Recognizing time signatures, notes, and hand signals for pitch

Connecting

To other times, places and subjects

Teaching Strategies

Voice Warm-up

Energize the body Love the breath

Play with the voice

Imitate one pitch

Imitate two pitches

Imitate a short phrase

Imitate phrase with words

Learn Song by listening: Brain Compatible Facts

Must hear song many times

Repetition must have meaning to the

learner

Most efficient teaching is whole to

part

Learn song by reading:

Each student has a copy of the words and music

Teacher sings song as class follows the words, while listening

Teacher sings as class follows notes, while listening

Teacher invites class to come in on selected parts

Elements of Music

Pitch: high/lowness of sound

High/low

Up/down

Melody

Harmony

Major Scale

Minor Scale

Pentatonic Scale

Duration: length of sound

Beat: steady pulse

Meter: pattern of strong and weak beats

Tempo—speed of beat

Rhythm pattern: long and short Articulation—smooth, detached

Form: overall structure of sound

Motive

Phrase

Ostinato

Call-response

Round/canon

concerto

ABA

Rondo

Symphony,

Theme and Variations

Dynamics: energy of sound

Loud/soft (forte/piano)

Getting louder/softer

(Crescendo/Decrescendo)

Full/thin

Many voices/few voices

Timbre: color of sound

Chordophones

Aerophones

Buzzed lips

Split air

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Single reed Double reed

Idiophones

Membranophones

Voices

Forms/Genre/Style

Classical

Middle ages

Gregorian Chant

Renaissance

Baroque

Classic

Romantic

Impressionistic

20th century

Ethnic/Folk

Jazz

Ragtime

Popular

Hip-Hop

Rap

Blues

Etc.

Children's Literature

Picture Books

This Land is Your Land, W. Guthrie & K.

Jakobsen. Scholastic 2000

Hush Little Baby, Aliki. Prentice Hall

Amazing Grace, J. Newton. Hyperion,

All The Pretty Little Horses, L. Saport. Clarion, 1999

Other Books About Music

The Flute Player: An Apache Folktale, M. Lacapa. Northland Publishing, 1993

Great Composers, P. Ventura. G.P.

Putnam's Sons, 1998

The Story of the Orchestra, R. Levine and M. Hamilton. Black Dog & Leventhal, 2001

Teacher's Resources

Share the Music. Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, 1995

Making Music. Scott Foresman/Silver Burdett, 2005