

Parks & Recreation – Piano Play and Discovery (45 minutes)

Materials

iTunes song list

- Piano Day
- Beat
- Monster Bus Driver
- The Musical Alphabet
- The Black Keys
- Will You Play
- Wrist, Forearm, Fingertips
- The Ants Go Marching

Name tags

Rug Time Piano Dots

Worksheet Packet

- Finger Painting Worksheet
- Crayon Fun Worksheet
- Colorful Hands Worksheet

Theory Song Posters: Piano Day, Beat, The Black Keys, The Musical Alphabet,
Instruments

Crayons

Improvisation cards for Soft / Loud, Short / Long

Art Poster: Monster School Bus

Piano technician coloring sheet

Opening Rug Time / Rhythm Exploration / Music Alphabet (25)

- 1) Students on Rug Time Piano Dots
- 2) Piano Day
- 3) Demonstrate instruments and pass around one at a time (Castanet/Tone Block)
- 4) Beat song, each student with an instrument; Repeat to allow all students to play each instrument - pass to the left
- 5) Finger Painting and Crayon Fun Worksheets
 - a. As students finish their paper, tap their composition with them
- 6) Monster Bus Driver - tapping on legs 1st time then clapping 2nd time
- 7) Colorful Hands Worksheet
 - a. Have them put their RH next to the frog's RH and observe where the thumb is. Color Red.
 - b. Have them put their LH next to the frog's LH and observe where the thumb is. Color Blue.
- 8) Sing The Musical Alphabet Theory Song
- 9) Instruct students to stand shoulder to shoulder facing the piano (half-moon)
- 10) At the grand piano: Musical Alphabet Colored Cards - How many times?
- 11) Black Keys - Zebra cards - students take turns placing one at a time.
- 12) Sing The Black Keys Theory Song - Each take a turn playing on an octave.
- 13) Explore the grand piano - 88 keys

Piano Lesson (25)

- 14) At the piano's I need you to really listen when I ask you to take your hands off the keys.
- 15) Sounds on the Piano
 - a. White
 - b. Black
 - c. Soft (chick)
 - d. Loud (tiger)
 - e. Short (drip)
 - f. Long (rainbow)
 - g. Fallboard (by the shiny word)
 - h. Piano Bench
- 16) Cards - Soft or Loud? Short or Long?
- 17) Will You Play?
- 18) Body Parts
 - a. Find Wrist, Forearm, Fingertips, Knuckles, Elbow, Shoulder
 - b. Do with music
 - c. Students play a steady beat with music on 2nd to lowest white key (B)
- 19) Low - Middle - High
- 20) Play all the white keys from the bottom to the top
- 21) Play all the black keys from the bottom to the top
- 22) Black Key Groups - How many groups of 2? - Find and play
- 23) Black Key Groups - How many groups of 3? - Find and play
- 24) Monster Bus Driver Rhythms
- 25) The Ants Go Marching

Extra Time

- 26) Move It! Video

Take Home

- 27) Piano technician coloring sheet