

## **Parks and Recreation – Meet the Piano (45 minutes)**

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### **Materials**

Name tags

Folding chairs in half circle at the grand piano

Dry erase board

Zebra, Alphabet, and CDE FGAB Colored Cards

Improvisation Cards (loud/soft, short/long)

Classroom Maestro Open

Heartbeat boards

Jewels

Individual Quarter, half, whole, eighth cards

Grand Piano Dot-to-Dot

Worksheet Packet

1. Frog Hands and Fingers Worksheets (4)

iTunes Playlist

2. Tick Tock
3. Monster Bus Driver
4. Raindrops
5. Call of the Drums
6. The Ants Go Marching

## **Group Piano Discovery (15)**

### **AT THE GRAND PIANO**

- 1) Grand Piano Dot-to-Dot as they enter
- 2) Explore the grand piano - Piano parts
- 3) High sounds / Low Sounds - Animal Improvisation Game (some classes this is good and some it's not)
- 4) Finger Numbers and Silly Directions

### **AT THE KEYBOARDS**

- 5) Keyboard Topography
  - a. Black Keys - Zebra cards (leave on)
  - b. Musical Alphabet - Colored Cards (how many groups of each black/alphabet)
  - c. Play all white keys from bottom to top saying the alphabet
  - d. Colored CDE/FGAB Cards
  - e. Two Black Keys then CDE, Three Black Keys FGAB
  - f. Find black key groups with eyes closed
  - g. Find and play all A's etc. using blue key covers
- 6) Steady Beat / Basic Rhythms
  - a. What has a steady beat (Drum, heart, ticking clock)
  - b. Tick Tock (Celebrate Piano Solo) using the bottom of the 2 black keys
  - c. Monster Bus driver
  - d. **ON THE FLOOR** - individual rhythm cards and heartbeat boards (great activity)
    - i. Whole - half - quarter - eighth - dotted half
    - ii. One at a time and use jewels on the heartbeat boards to show each rhythm
    - iii. Lay out 4 beat rhythms and they notate on the beat board

### **AT THE KEYBOARDS**

- 7) Raindrops
- 8) Call of the Drums (just use L-R-L-R don't try to do the pattern)
- 9) The Ants Go Marching

### **Extra Time / Take Home**

- 10) Frog Hands and Finger Worksheets

### **Extra Time**

- 11) Improvisation Cards - Loud/Soft, Short/Long
- 12) Cover the Keys Bingo