Online Music Resources, Lessons and Ideas

Activities:

**Musical Movement:** The best way to explore music for children of all ages is through movement. Check out this link to see some ways to explore the different ways our bodies can move to music. Consider making shakers with rice and a closed container, dance with scarves, or even leaves from your backyard to make a movement based activity more enriching.


**Creep, Mousey Creep Song and Game**
Song and movement based game
This game will work best with multiple players and may take some practice but it is a great way to get some wiggles and giggles out. Encourage everyone to sing the song while the game is being played. A recording of the same song, but with slightly different lyrics is posted below and you can sing with it or a capella!

Song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP0R-4XTsj4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP0R-4XTsj4) (Feel free to change the lyrics for what works best for you and your child)

**Statues- Listening and Movement game**
This game is basically freeze dance, but with a twist! Turn on some dancing tunes and get to dancing, but make sure you are listening to the music and the leader! The leader will call out a type of statue to freeze like (ballerina, tree, rockstar, unicorn) and then they will freeze the music. The students should freeze and try to stand like a statue. You may want to have a few practice rounds of just music/ just verbal instruction before you put them both together.

**Word Dance- Movement and Repetition**
Have your child/children come up with different words and write them on small pieces of paper and place them in a hat or jar. Have everyone pull one word out of the jar and see if they can come up with a movement that goes along with that word, everyone should follow the movement. Turn on some music and see how to incorporate your new dance moves into a dance.

**Exploration:**
*Learn about instruments and create your own*
Introduce the student to a few instruments by looking them up and listening to each instrument. Talk about how each instrument looks? Is it big or small? What does it look like? Is the musician breathing into the instrument, striking it, or playing on strings? Does the sound remind you of anything?
Parents may want to navigate this website or youtube in order to see some different instruments:

[https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments_orchestra.php](https://www.classicsforkids.com/music/instruments_orchestra.php)
Have your student sit down with a paper and crayons and see if they can create their own instrument. Have them draw or explain what it looks and sounds like, how it is played and anything else they want to talk about.

**Found Sounds**

Get away from the computer for a little bit. Try to find an object in your house that's not typically an instrument. Try to find ways to make some cool noise with it. Rubber bands can be guitar strings, buckets could be drums. When you have an object you like, try to play along and keep a steady beat to a song you like!

**Draw to music**

Pick music of any genre that your family, sit down with some paper and art materials and turn on different songs. Ask your child to draw what the music sounds like or how it makes them feel. Try using a wide variety of genres and see the different creations that come out of it!

**Sound Sensory Jars**

Check out this link to a cool activity to make your own instruments at home. Consider using some of your recycling or a reusable item.

[https://handsonaswegrow.com/easy-sound-sensory-jars-to-make-play/](https://handsonaswegrow.com/easy-sound-sensory-jars-to-make-play/)

**Color Guessing Song**


**Online game with assistance: Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra:**

- [https://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org/game.aspx](https://listeningadventures.carnegiehall.org/game.aspx) Game
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vbvhU22uAM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vbvhU22uAM) Recording

**Rock Star Dramatic Play**

Set up a stage, Grab a microphone and some home made or imagined instruments and be rockstars! Encourage children to learn and sing a song to the audience, try to learn a song and some dance moves for the Grand Finale!

**Listening Resources:**

Nancy Kopman on Youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAL9GFZciToO52ye_P2NefA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAL9GFZciToO52ye_P2NefA)
The Salamander’s (Missoula’s own family friendly rock band)

Llama, Llama Red Pajama Sing Along
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yt4Tb2WCmmo

Dinosaur Rap
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhQkUowpNNo

Barefoot Books Youtube Page- https://www.youtube.com/user/barefootbooks
Features a variety of books that have been made into songs. If you have a copy of the book at home you can follow it there or you can follow the book in the video.

The Singing Walrus Youtube Channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe1VpF4wS_kdcjyTRSXBcnQ

Funky Monkey Dance
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aUjx5WadtA

The Laurie Berkner Band Youtube Channel
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ9o9F8HYJV85XjciUS86_Q?pbjreload=10

Symphonic Pieces for Fun Listening
All of these pieces can be found on Youtube, Spotify, or any other music streaming service you may use. See if you recognize any of these pieces!

Beethoven-Fifth Symphony in C Minor

Beethoven- Sixth Symphony Pastoral

William Tell- Gioacchino Rossini

Rhapsody in Blue- George Gershwin

Debussy- Children’s Corner

Dmitri Shostokovich- Dances of the Dolls

Camille Saint-Saens- The Carnival of Animals

Sorcerer’s Apprentice- Paul Dukas

La Mer- Claude Debussy

Alpine Symphony - Richard Strauss

In the Hall of the Mountain King - Edvard Grieg