



For Teachers: How to Use My Music Starts Here to Engage with Your Students During School Closure

Step 1: Familiarize yourself with the contents of each playlist, so that you can decide the best path forward with using the site. You are the expert on what your families and students need from you – you be the judge on whether you will send the website link directly to your families or if you will use it for your own resource to learn awesome songs, fingerplays, and musical activities for young children.

Step 2a: If you decide to email the link directly to your families and students, below are some suggestions for how you can guide them to use the playlists to create opportunities for meaningful learning and joy!

1. Email the link to our Spring 2020 Free Program to all of your families. They do not need to login or create an account in order to access the content. Along with the link, you can also include links to our Spotify playlists as well as the Parent Guide.
2. You can give a weekly assignment to your families to view a circle time playlist. For example, this week's assignment is to watch 1~Circle Time every morning this week. By Friday, can you speak the poem *Grandma's Glasses* to someone you love? Can you sing the song *A Ram Sam Sam*?
3. You can give a daily assignment to your families of watching one video a day and learning that song, fingerplay, or movement. For example, today's assignment is to learn the poem *Five Little Leaves*. This poem is the third video in 2 ~ Circle Time playlist. Watch it as many times as you need to master the words and motions. Then show it to someone you love!
4. Choose specific songs/fingerplays to support academic content and assign these weekly. For example, assign the video for *Ten Little Candles* to support mathematical thinking. Assign *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean* to support letter sound recognition (how many B-words do you hear in that song?). Use this content to support all the learning that would be going on in your classroom on a daily basis. Remember, music learning supports children's brains to make them stronger and more flexible learners!
5. Encourage families to use the Active Listening, Favorite Songs, and Music for Mindfulness playlists as sources of joy, stress relief, and entertainment. These three playlists can be enjoyed without the child looking at a screen and encourage imaginative thinking and creative movement.

6. Depending on how you are staying connected with your families during school closure, you can encourage all of them to share what they are learning. For example, when you call them on the phone, you can do a song or fingerplay together. If you are on a video chat, you can ask them to show you the song or fingerplay or movement. Or you could just sing to them. If you are on a video chat with several children at a time, you can all do an activity together.
7. If your families have the ability to take pictures and/or videos, ask them to take a picture/video of the child singing, doing the fingerplay, or doing a movement song and share it with you. You could compile the pictures/videos into an email or slideshow to share with each family at the end of the week.

Step 2b: If you decide to use this resource for your own learning – wonderful! Our hope is that as you stay connected with your students and their families during this time of school closure, that you will use this resource to help you share in music-making together – one of the best ways to feel joy and bonded together.

For example, learn the melody, words, and motions to the sweet song *My Little Puppy* (3~Circle Time). The next time you connect with your students, teach them the song and sing it together! They will be delighted and think that you are a total rock star (which is true!).

Links you need:

Our Spring 2020 Free Program page:

<https://www.mymusicstartshere.com/spring-2020-free-program/>

Our Spotify page:

<https://open.spotify.com/user/gbmrut8gvg771wyskz4k2ztso?si=grks55jLSxmyB4Dj4vefow>

As always, please stay in touch and let us know what you need. These are extraordinary times and we are here to help. We will be working on this program weekly, updating it with new videos and activities ~ if you have some suggestions for how we can improve the page, we'd love to hear from you.

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And stay connected with us on social media! [Facebook](#) and @mymusicstartshere on Instagram!



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The Content: What's in each playlist?

1 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Engine, Engine Number Nine*

Body warm up: *Move Like a Bubble!*

Fingerplay: *Grandma's Glasses*

Vocal warm up: *My Singing Voice*

Song to sing: *A Ram Sam Sam*

Movement song: *The Monkey Stomps His Feet*

2 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Keep the Beat*

Body warm up: *Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree*

Fingerplay: *Five Little Leaves*

Vocal warm up: *Whale Warm Up*

Song to sing: *Gray Squirrel*

Movement song: *Kye Kye Kule*

3 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Johnny Works with One Hammer*

Body warm up: *On My Toe*

Fingerplay: *Chop, Chop, Chippety Chop*

Vocal warm up: *Slide Whistle*

Song to sing: *My Little Puppy*

Movement song: *Wake Up, You Lazy Bones!*

4 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Sarasponda*

Body warm up: *Johnny on the Woodpile*

Fingerplay: *There Was a Little Turtle*

Vocal warm up: *Ghostie Warm Up*

Song to sing: *Caney mi Macaro*

Movement song: *Mother Goonie Bird*

5 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Keep the Beat*

Body warm up: *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

Fingerplay: *Here Goes a Turtle Up the Hill*

Vocal warm up: *Scarf Warm Up*

Song to sing: *Cobbler, Cobbler*

Movement song: *Noble Duke of York*

6 ~ Circle Time

Steady beat: *Oh, How Lovely*

Body warm up: *Shake It!*

Fingerplay: *Ten Little Candles*

Vocal warm up: *Say Zoop!*

Song to sing: *Charlie Over the Ocean*

Movement song: *Oh, In the Woods*

Active Listening

"Hoe-down" from Aaron Copland's *Rodeo*
Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*
Dave Brubeck's *Take Five*
Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King*
Henry Mancini's *Pink Panther*
Vince Guaraldi's *Skating*
Rimsky-Korsakov's *Flight of the Bumblebee*
Joplin's *Maple Leaf Rag*
"Los Toreadors" from Bizet's *Carmen*
Benny Goodman's *Sing, Sing, Sing*
Henry Mancini's *Baby Elephant Walk*
Chopin's *Minute Waltz*
Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*

Favorite Songs

You Are My Sunshine
Old Joe Clark
Every Little Thing (Book, Tune by Bob Marley)
Jenny Jenkins
Over in the Meadow
She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain
Old McDonald Had a Farm
The Train is A'Coming
Bought Me a Cat
Simple Gifts
Every Night
Down by the Bay

Music for Mindfulness

Saint-Saens' *Aquarium*
Debussy's *Clair de Lune*
Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*
"Largo" from Dvorak's *New World Symphony*
Schumann's *Traumerei*
Chopin's *Nocturne No.2 in Eb Major*