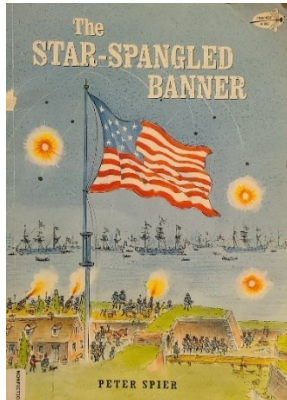


Kindergarten Music & Dance



The Star-Spangled Banner by Peter Spier

Lyrics to our national anthem wonderfully illustrated with scenes from the War of 1812 and more modern settings. Musical notations and verses at the end.

Other patriotic songs to learn:

“God Bless America” by Irving Berlin

“This Land is Your Land” by Woodie Guthrie

“America the Beautiful”

“Battle Hymn of the Republic”

“When Johnny Comes Marching Home”

The Ballad of Davy Crockett

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knXmVIChpAo&ab_channel=TennesseeErnieFord-Topic

Oh Susanna by Pete Seeger

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVPZ4-gsSiY&ab_channel=PeteSeeger-Topic

Oh My Darlin' Clementine and American Traditional Songs with lyrics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebyiyntVQNM&list=PLG3FFIrH6WfCSCreYFHspXe3vCgcKI9sh&ab_channel=ListenAndReadAlong

The Ballad of John Henry

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE307ZO3AvM&ab_channel=localoid

John Henry song by Harry Belafonte

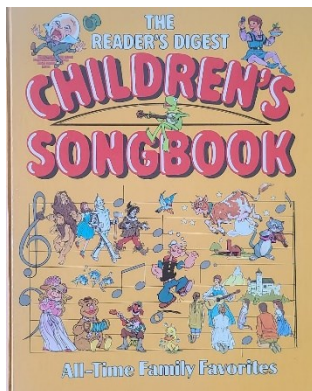
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ydTRk1I0ZqI&ab_channel=HYPISIS09

John Henry song by Johnny Cash

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TzQiJQiXMA&ab_channel=Scharpy1

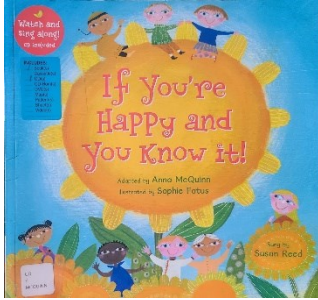
The Ballad of Casey Jones and The wreck of the Old 97' by Johnny Cash

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The Reader's Digest Children's Songbook

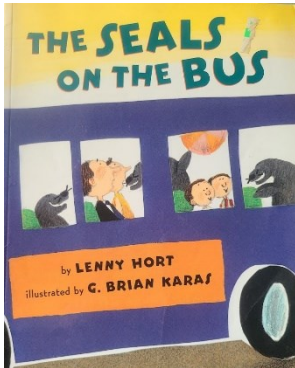
“All-Time Family Favorites”



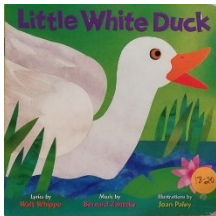
If You're Happy and You Know It! Adapted by Anna McQuinn
Each verse of the song is depicted in different places around the world. Unlovely illustrations. At the end children from around the world say "Hello" in their separate languages, and then are named with their country listed. Musical notation and CD included. The CD is upbeat, and demonstrates how to say "Hello" in the different languages at the page in the book where they are given. Do this song as a circle dance.



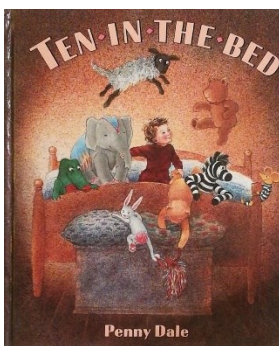
The Itsy Bitsy Spider version by Reading A-Z
Go through the motions!



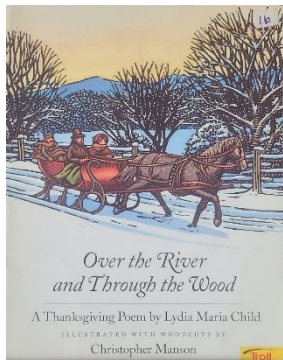
The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort
Humorous take-off of "The Wheels on the Bus"



Little White Duck lyrics by Walt Whippo
Folksong with bold illustrations, opportunities to make the sounds of the animals in the song. DRA 18-20

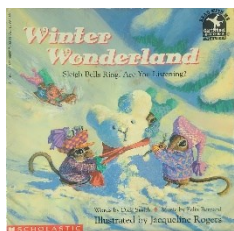


Ten in the Bed by Penny Dale
Cute depiction of the fun children's song.



Over the River and Through the Wood: A Thanksgiving Poem by Lydia Maria Child (Troll books)

Illustrations are appealing woodcuts. Musical notation for the song, as well as a substantial list of more titles at the end.



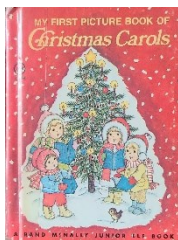
Winter Wonderland words by Dick Smith (Scholastic)



Christmas Carols

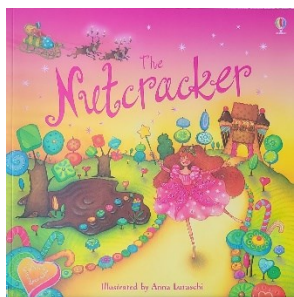
For piano, organ, guitar, singing

My First Picture Book of Christmas Carols (Rand McNally Junior Elf book)
Lyrics only.



Christmas songs to know:

- “Jingle Bells”
- “Silent Night”
- “Away in a Manger”
- “Joy to the World”
- “Deck the Halls”
- “The First Noel”
- “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
- “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”
- “O Christmas Tree”
- “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

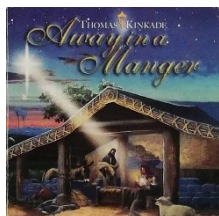


The Nutcracker (Usborne books)

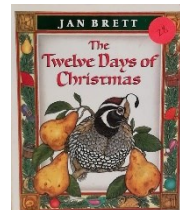
Always a favorite ballet at Christmas time, combining music, dance, and story. It's good to know the story.



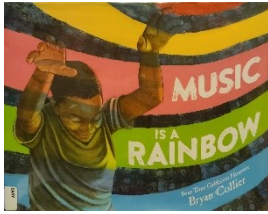
The Twelve Days of Christmas (Usborne)



The Twelve Days of Christmas
Illustrated by Jan Brett
Board Book

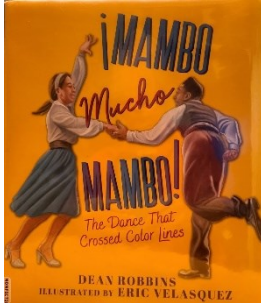


Away in a Manger illustrated by Thomas Kinkadee
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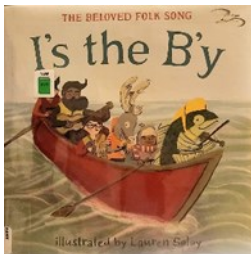
Music is a Rainbow by Bryan Collier

A powerful story told in simple powerful words and illustrations, about family, loss, environment & choices, healing through music. 48pp, appropriate for ages 4-8+, PreK-3. Limited text in large font.



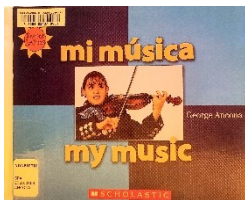
¡Mambo Mucho Mambo! The Dance That Crossed Color Lines by Dean Robbins

English language picture book with attractive illustrations, limited, simple text, engaging story. Good example of word choice. Author's note at the end gives more details. Reading level about grade 2, or fun read-aloud.



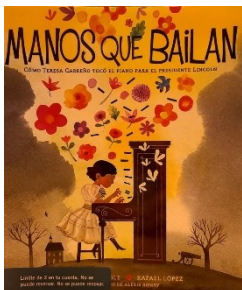
It's the B'y

Picture book of a Newfoundland folk song. includes musical notation with verses at the end, and notes, explanations from the illustrator.



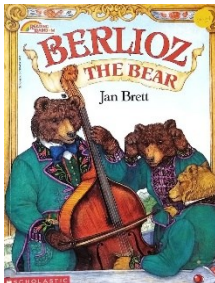
Mi Música/My Music by George Ancona (Scholastic)

Bi-lingual picture book about Latino music and dance, great photos & large font. Contents, English & Spanish word equivalents, index. More bilingual titles on back cover. Reading level grades 1-2.



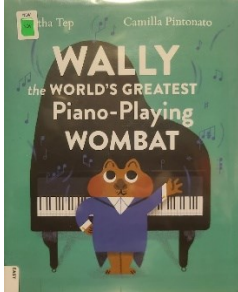
Manos que Bailan

Hands that Dance, How Teresa Carreno played the piano for President Lincoln. Spanish language only, requires some language ability, though not entire fluency. Brief text. Historic figure from Venezuela.



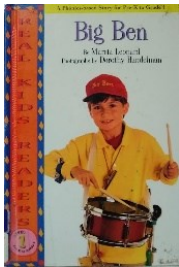
Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett (Scholastic)

Story involving an animal orchestra. Cumulative text, 32pp, for ages 4-8, PreK-3. Lexile 610, read aloud for younger children.



Wally the World's Greatest Piano-Playing Wombat by Ratha Tep

Wally is intent on being the world's greatest, finds competition compels him to be even better, then the 2 competitors become friends and encourage the best in one another. Limited text in large font, not particularly lovely illustrations.



Big Ben by Marcia Leonard (A Phonics-based Story for PreK to Grade 1)

He's a one-man band. 32pp, reading level ages 5+, grades 1-2. Lexile 230.

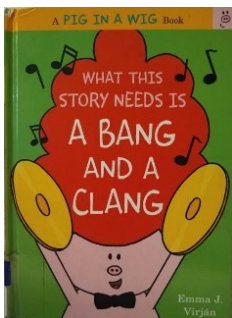
Make a marching band, even if marching in a circle.
You can make your own instruments, too.



Splat the Cat Sings Flat by Rob Scotton (I Can Read, Level 1 Beginning Reading)

Letter to Parents at front explains reading levels in the series. Level 1 "Short sentences, familiar words, and simple concepts for children eager to read on their own." One simple paragraph of short sentences per page. Splat is shy, knowing he sings flat. In the end, he is the star, even though he sang flat, and his parents are proud that he overcame his shyness.

This story read aloud at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sx_SErxDFLk 6 story collection of Splat the Cat at Amazon.



What This Story Needs is a Bang and a Clang by Emma J. Virjan (Pig in a Wig series)

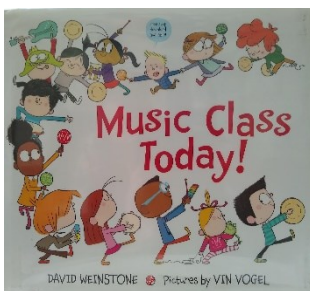
Animal characters playing realistic instruments for a band concert. Lots of "sound" words to go with the instruments. Talk about musical instruments, experiment with as many as you have access to or make your own. Some musical instrument sounds online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKdFirIBLwo>

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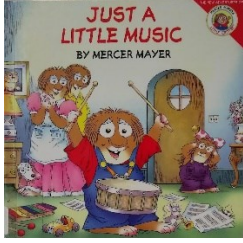
Dallas Symphony Orchestra learning site

<https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen/instruments>



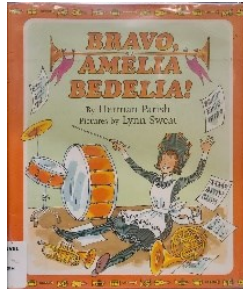
Music Class Today! by David Weinstone

Words to the song with guitar chords at the front. Free song download available front cover says, inside front jacket gives website: musicclasstodaybook.com. Be ready with eggs (boiled or plastic), drumsticks or equivalent, scarves, kindergarten musical instruments. Fun gentle story about joining in when the child is ready; delightful illustrations of an active music class. Large words in written style, repetition (as a song would have) grade 1-2 level reading.



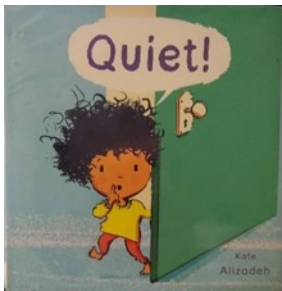
Just a Little Music by Mercer Mayer (Little Critter series)

After watching a parade, Little Critter wants to learn how to play an instrument. Dad takes him to the music store, and he tries out different instruments. He decides on a drum. His enthusiastic practicing is a challenge for his family. He starts music lessons, and dreams of being in a rock band. "But maybe before I play at my big rock-and-roll concert, I will have just a few more lessons." Grades 1-2 reading level, fun read-aloud.



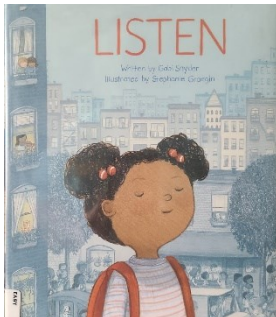
Bravo, Amelia Bedelia! By Herman Parish (I Can Read! Level 2)

Amelia, sent to pick up the conductor from the train station confuses the train conductor for the orchestral conductor. List of more Amelia Bedelia titles, and Level 2 "I Can Read Books" at back. 48pp, for ages 4-8, K-3; reading level 470 Lexile. (photo shows a 1st grade edition)



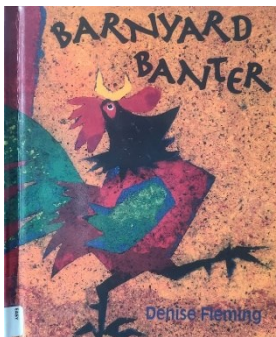
Quiet! by Kate Alizadeh

Pay attention to all the sounds of the day. At last, the quiet of the night. Poetically told story in large font. 2nd grade reading level, fun to share with younger children.



Listen by Gabi Snyder

A beautiful picture book about learning to listen, distinguish different sounds and what is behind them. Follows typical activities of a child's day in the city. More interesting discussion about listening at the back of the book. 40pp, ages 4-8; AD470 Lexile. Video reading with sound effects: story, song, activity https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQFwCUPLa-o&ab_channel=CrystalStairs%2CInc



Barnyard Banter by Denise Fleming

Fun adventure with animal sounds. Rhythmic, rhyming text in large font, very limited words. 32pp, PreK-K.

Fun extension: Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton (don't just read it!)

Activities for Barnyard Banter, would require help for Kindergarteners. <http://www.denisefleming.com/pages/book-activities/barnyard-banter/activities.html#gsc.tab=0>



Bebop Express by H. L. Panahi
Rhyming, musical text and bold collaged illustrations.

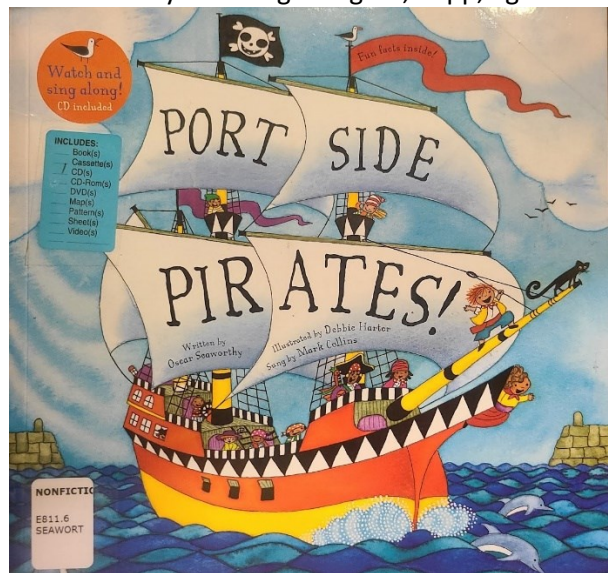
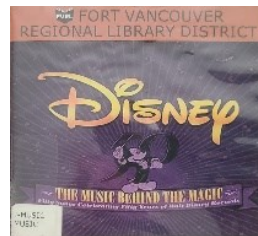


One Shoe Blues by Sandra Boynton
Starring B.B. King, and special guest MomSock
Book and DVD—Storybook, song, musical movie short with singing sock puppets.



“The Sound of Music” by Rogers & Hammerstein DVD
Disney CD “The Music Behind the Magic”

Port Side Pirates, by Oscar Seaworthy with sing along CD, 32pp, ages 2+



Music for various holidays . . . (add Irish for St Pat’s, Patriotic, Hawaiian, etc)



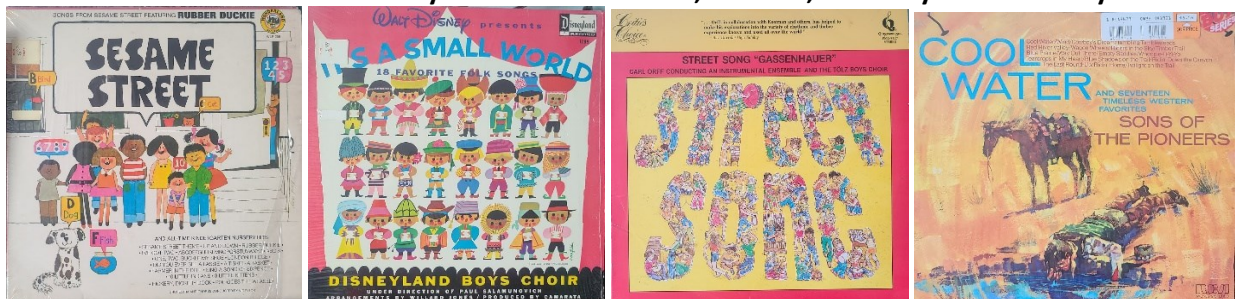
Christmas music variety



Try to buy/borrow at least some representation of each musical era, style, and different instruments.



Introduce some classical music—try it out from the radio, internet, or library to find what you like.



It's worth investing in some children's songs, folk songs around the world, Carl Orff to expand minds...



You can make your own “stringed” instrument with a box and rubber bands.



Drum up some drums around the house, make your own “maracas” with shaker makers.



Homemade bands—bowls, cans, pie plate percussion . . . blow over the bottles . . . an old violin rescued from the bin . . . fun for the kids and even grandma.

Props for God Bless America



God bless America,



land that



I love,



Stand beside her



and guide her



through the night



with the light from above.



From the mountains,



to the prairies,



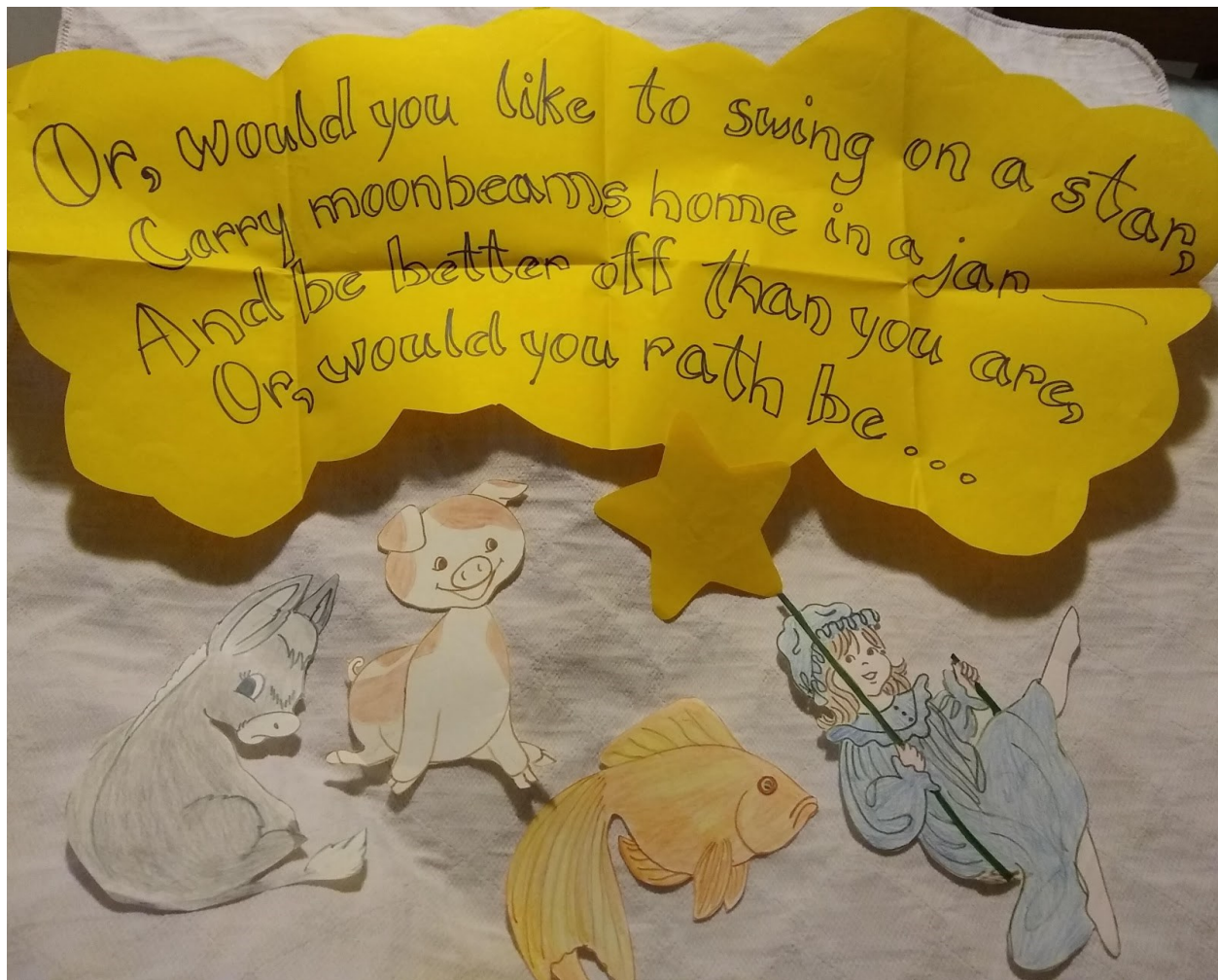
to the oceans, white with foam . . .



God bless America



my home, sweet home (repeat).



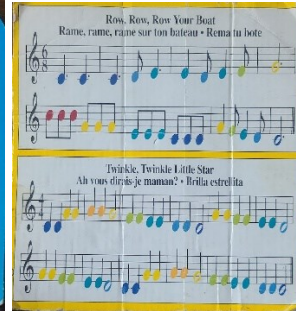
Props for learning "Swinging on a Star"

Video of Bing Crosby singing, with lyrics

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB89Mh6gpvw&ab_channel=PaulScalzetti

Elements of Music for Kindergarten (just introduce the ideas, the kids don't have to name them)

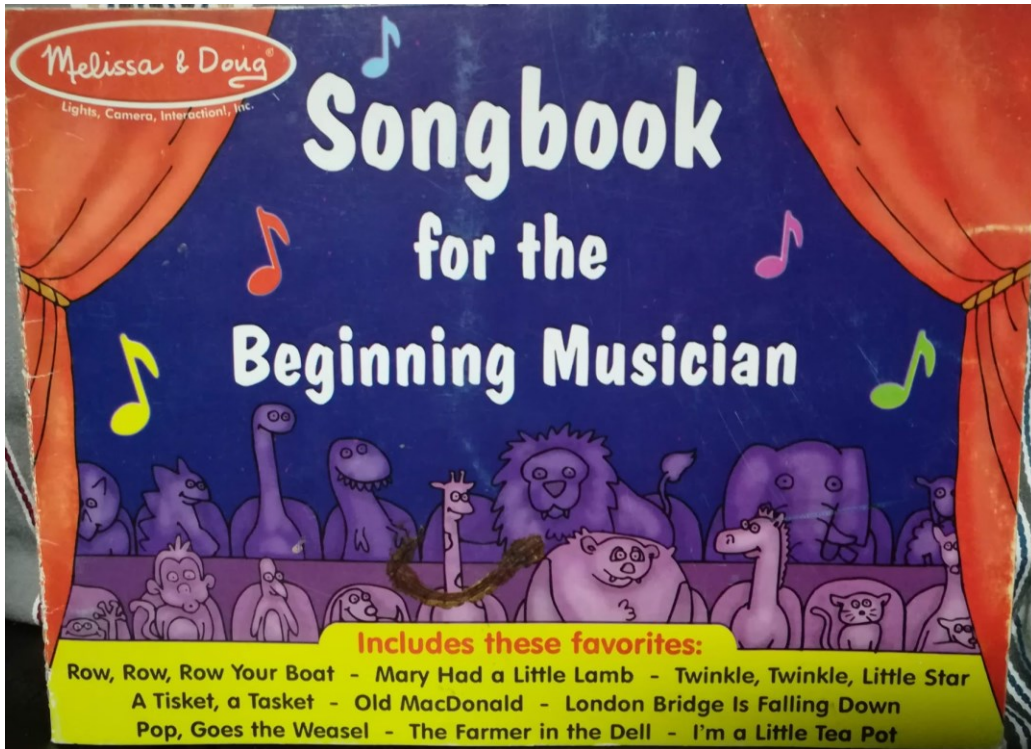
1. **Melody**—high and low pitches
2. **Loud and soft**
3. **Rhythm & Tempo**--Fast and slow beats
4. **Patterns**
5. **Short and long notes and rests**
6. **What kind of sound/instrument.**



Xylophone music: Jingle Bells, Frere Jacques, This Old Man, Row Your Boat, Twinkle Little Star



Piano, music, & xylophone



Color-Coded Songbook for Melissa & Doug's Learn-to-Play Piano With 25 Keys



Above left: musical instrument display at the Douglas County Museum, Roseburg OR
Above right: old piano-forte and predecessor of the record player & disc player



Irish musician for St Patrick's Day.



Rock band accoutrements.



Fiddler, Fort Nisqually OR



Polkatones band at Bavarian festival, Joseph OR



Tirolean dancers, Alpenfest, Joseph OR



Taiko drummers, Lunar New Year, Seattle WA

Dance & Music Activities, beside field trips to events

1. Play musical games, such as "Ring Around the Rosies", "The Farmer in the Dell", "The Chicken Dance", "Here We Go Looby Loo", "The Mulberry Bush", "London Bridge is Falling Down", etc.
2. Play "Name that Tune", and "Name that Instrument (or sound)"
3. Play rhythmic clapping games, such as "Pease Porridge Hot", or "Copy Cat Clap" (clap the rhythm you hear, can be a team event)
4. Play Musical Chairs, or just Dance & Freeze/Cake Walk (freeze when the music stops)
5. Try Line Dancing, square/folk dancing, dance of different times, places, and cultures . . . internet