

## **Books**

### **Music for Elementary Classroom Teachers by Charles R. Hoffer**

A music textbook created just for future classroom teachers! There is no question that music makes a significant contribution to the quality of human life and that music can play a valuable role in the learning of virtually all subjects taught in the elementary schools. Music for Elementary School Teachers is a concise, easy-to-understand book that covers the essentials of what future elementary classroom teachers need to know in the area of music. It emphasizes the cooperative-supportive role of elementary classroom teachers with music teachers and demonstrates how music can be used with other curricular and classroom activities to enhance and enrich the learning of all subjects. Furthermore, the text's comprehensive coverage is more than adequate for those teachers who find themselves responsible for all the music instruction their students will receive. Outstanding features: 1) Hoffer's presentation is easy to comprehend and is unintimidating for future classroom teachers who have had little music instruction themselves; 2) it covers methods and skills that elementary education majors can normally master in a one-semester course; 3) many helpful suggestions on how to involve music with the teaching and learning of all subjects and with classroom management are valuable for both prospective and practicing teachers; 4) the inclusion of "Projects" and "Review Questions" ensures the maximum comprehension of the material presented in the text; 5) "Skill Development" sections facilitate the learning of rudimentary skills in making music and understanding music notation and provide the opportunities to practice and perfect these skills; and 6) although it does include many songs, it calls upon the student to make use of the existing elementary school music books and their CDS.

<http://www.amazon.com/Elementary-Classroom-Teachers-Charles-Hoffer/dp/1577663225>

## **Online Resources**

### **Teachers.net**

A wide variety of music lesson plans for all levels, including movement activities.

<http://teachers.net/lessonplans/subjects/music/>

### **Songs for Teaching**

A site "using music to promote learning." Many songs in appropriate ranges for children; Android and Apple radio app available. Site organized by subtopic, covers all major core areas.

<http://www.songsforteaching.com/index.html>

### **MusicKit**

A well-organized main page provides links to teacher resources, planning guides and teaching strategies for teaching music to kids. Of note: the planning guides on how to teach a song and keep the beat, also info on vocal health.

<http://musickit.com/resources/teachers.html>

### **Edutopia**

Articles, blogs, and online discussion available to teachers, easily searched by topic.

Ex. *Using Music in the Elementary Classroom (Warning: It May Get Loud!)*

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/music-recommendations-elementary-gaetan-pappalardo>

### **Pinterest**

Many, many pins by and for elementary teachers, including lesson plans, materials lists, playlists, etc.