

Ideas for Using the SMARTBoard in an Elementary Music Classroom

- Think of the board as a regular whiteboard first. Anything you can do on a traditional whiteboard, you can do on the SMARTBoard.
 - You can pre-make anything that you used to write on the board and have it ready to go with just 1 click. Rhythm reading lessons can be saved for different days/weeks and specific examples can be pulled up without having to re-write or erase.
 - Display pre-written warm-ups without having to re-write it every class.
 - Display a sight-singing/reading example.
 - Display lyrics or notes to a song.
 - Display vocal exploration pictures.
 - Display pages from a textbook's "Big Book"
- Think of the board as a projector or computer. Anything you can do on your computer you can do on the SMARTBoard.
 - Pull up a worksheet that you made (that the students have hard copies of) and do the work with them right on the board.
 - Go to an interactive website and play a music game
 - Go to Google Video and show the class a video clip of a professional group performing a piece that you are studying, or a scene from an opera, or a cartoon that has the piece you are learning in the background, etc.
 - Present a PowerPoint listening map.
 - Make a song using loop-based software.
 - Follow the form of a song using music sequencing software.
 - Show videos of a concert or rehearsal performance and analyze.
- Explore all the ways the board can be interactive. Use your fingers to move and manipulate objects.
 - Create a lesson where students have to drag notes to fill a measure.
 - Have students find Sol/Mi on the staff by dragging the notes.
 - Write a group/class composition and have the board play it back to you.
 - Go to an interactive website and play a game or play a virtual instrument or make your own song, etc.

Files That Are Demonstrated:

- Rhythm Reading Review (PowerPoint)
- D.R.U.M. Songs (PowerPoint)
- Rockin' Recorder Method Book
- Sing-on-Sight Pg. 1 (Adobe PDF)
- Lyrics to 1st Grade Song "Over in the Meadow" (Notebook)
- Vocal Exploration Pictures (PowerPoint)
- Pages from Share the Music 1st Grade Big Book (Notebook)
- "I Thought That I Was Crazy" Note Activity (Adobe PDF)
- Excerpts from "Hansel & Gretel" (Google Video)
- *Danse Macabre* Listening Map (PowerPoint)
- Garageband Software
- October Videos (iMovie)
- Fill a Measure (Notebook)
- Find Sol-Mi (Notebook)
- "I Wish" Composition Activity (Notebook)
- Various Interactive Websites (see next page)

Interactive Websites

- **NY Philharmonic Kids** (<http://www.nyphilkids.org/>) b – There is a composition workshop where students can put together their own minuet or decide the orchestration of a famous piece of music. There is a composer gallery with information of a variety of composers. There is also a game room with a variety of music/composer based games.
- **DSOKids** (<http://www.dsokids.com>) b – Instrument encyclopedia with information on the instruments of an orchestra.
- **San Francisco Kids** (<http://www.sfskids.org/>) **K-5** – Great activities on different music concepts.
- **NSO Kids** (<http://nashvillesymphony.org/nsokids>) **K-5** – All about the different instruments of the orchestra.
- **Carnegie Hall Listening Adventures** (<http://www.carnegiehall.org>) **3-5** – Go under Explore & Learn and then Interactive Resources. The Listening Adventures have an interactive listening map for Dvorak's *Symphony 9* and a game for Benjamin Britten's *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*.
- **Creating Music** (<http://creatingmusic.com>) **K-2** – Musical activities and games
- **The Music House** (<http://ngfl.northumberland.gov.uk/music/music.swf>) **K/1** -- Matching percussion instruments by site and sound.
- **Virtual Thumb Piano** (<http://pbskids.org/africa/piano/>) b – Play a virtual African thumb piano and listen to thumb piano songs
- **Super Duper Music Looper** (<http://www.sonycreativesoftware.com/products/sdml/sdml.asp>) **2-5** – Make basic loop based songs.
- **Music Mixer** (<http://tvokids.com/framesets/play.html?game=94>) **K-5** – Drag musicians onto the stage to make your own band.
- **Interactive Keyboard** (<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/music/piano.html>) **2-5** – Press the keys to play the keyboard. Can have note names on/off, fingerings for scales, and view chords.
- **40 Essential Drum Rudiments** (<http://www.vicfirth.com/education/rudiments.html>) **4/5** – Lists 40 snare drum rudiments with sound files and videos to demonstrate techniques.
- **Science of Music** (<http://www.exploratorium.edu/music/exhibits/stepping/index.html>) **2-5** – Put together your own step dance routine (body percussion).
- **Science of Music: Sink-o-Pation** (<http://www.exploratorium.edu/music/exhibits/kitchen/index.html>) **K-5** – Put together your own kitchen band, like demonstrated in Stomp, by choosing which appliances/instruments you want to play.
- **Interactive Boomwhackers** (http://www.musick8kids.com/html/play_bw.tpl) - **K-5**
- **Huge Collection of Interactive Music Games** (http://www.copacabana-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/Get_Smart_Pages/Get_Smart_Music.htm) **K-5**

Other Sources of SMARTBoard Notebook or PowerPoint Files

- Huge collection of powerpoints of children's songs and a collection of listening maps. (<http://www.musicbulletinboards.net/downloadspage.htm>)
- Collection of Listening Maps – (<http://bangertmusic.tripod.com/musicatbangert/id43.html>)
- Collection of pre-made powerpoint templates for famous games such as "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" (<http://www.murray.k12.ga.us/teacher/kara%20leonard/Mini%20T%27s/March%20Mini%20T-Games/Games.htm>)
- Collection of pre-made SMARTBoard Music Lessons. (http://technology.usd259.org/resources/whiteboards/smart-lessons/music_lessons.html)