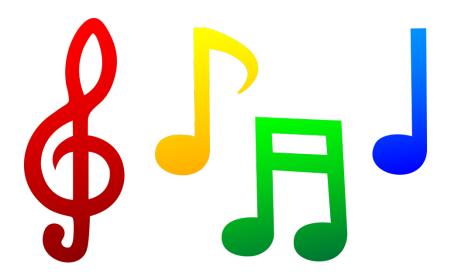
Our Homeschool Curriculum Plans For...

Music Notes, Rhythm & Notation



Our
9-Week Music Curriculum

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When my girls were 7 and 9 years old, I realized that they needed more practice on learning to read music, learning the corresponding music note on the piano, and learning the basic music notations. I realized that while the kids could play pieces on the piano, they could not read music. So, the plan was to slowly but surely make sure they learned and built on those skills.

We did music two or three times a week, playing games and getting them to recognize the notes more (and more) quickly.

My kids had a basic understanding of music, so we were not starting from zero. You may need to go faster or slower based on the needs of your students. Our plan was to spend about 15 minutes two or three times a week.

This is a HUGE update to the original homeschool music curriculum I laid out for my girls. I added in a whole introductory section that your kids may or may not need. Plus, I added in about 60 pages of music worksheets. Not only that, but I have added in 12 or 15 hands-on games and activities. You will find those in a separate PDF packet.

When the kids were in preschool and early elementary, I introduced them to the xylophone. The semester we did this curriculum, the kids learned pieces on the piano and I taught the kids a bit of recorder that year as well.

By the end of the semester I wanted the kids know about 2 octaves worth of notes on the staff (both treble and bass clefs) and their location on a keyboard/piano. This packet shows how we used these music worksheets and music games each week.

We did not do any music appreciation (learning about famous composers). There were just not enough hours in the day! But we did cover famous composers another time and we have some **free resources** on the website if you want to cover that at some point.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me! <u>Liesl@homeschoolden.com</u>

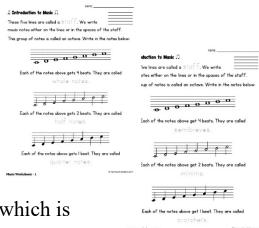
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~Lies1

A Note about our Music Materials

This packet includes the general plans I laid out for my elementary-age kids as they learned the notes and note names, the notes on a keyboard and the basic music symbols.

Because Australia, Great Britain, etc. has different names for eighth notes, quarter notes, half and whole notes... (quaver, crotchets, minims, etc.) you will see that at times there are two page options. Print out the page that works best for your student/s.



You can purchase our full **Music Curriculum Packet**, which is about 150 pages and includes all of the practice worksheets. Our Music Curriculum also **comes with** the **Music Curriculum Activities Packet** which includes the many music games and activities you see pictured here. The **Music Activities Packet** is approximately 100 pages.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: Liesl@homeschoolden.com

Hope you have fun and that your students grow to love music!



~Liesl

P.S. I truly love music! I am an oboe player in our local community band and in a woodwind quintet. I perform once or twice a month so I spend a lot of time practicing! (I also spent 9 or 10 years playing in a woodwind quintet in Australia when we lived there!)

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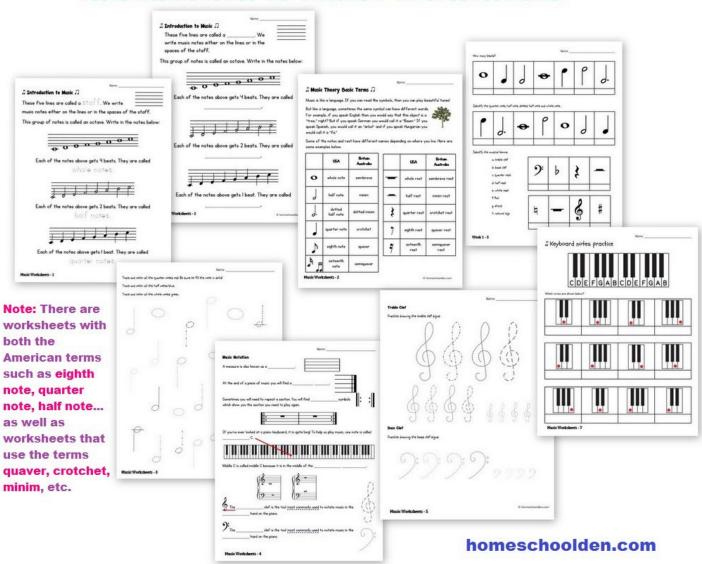
Music Vocabulary

- staff, octave
- whole note, half note, quarter note (semibreve, minim, crotchet)
 - O Choose the pages that work best for your student/s
- treble clef, base clef symbol
- white notes on a keyboard (or xylophone)
- becoming familiar with keyboard notes

Introduction to Music J. Worksheets

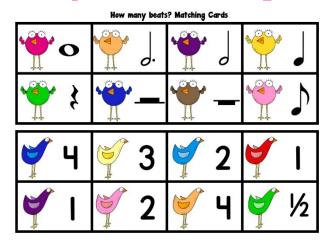
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Introduction to Music Worksheets



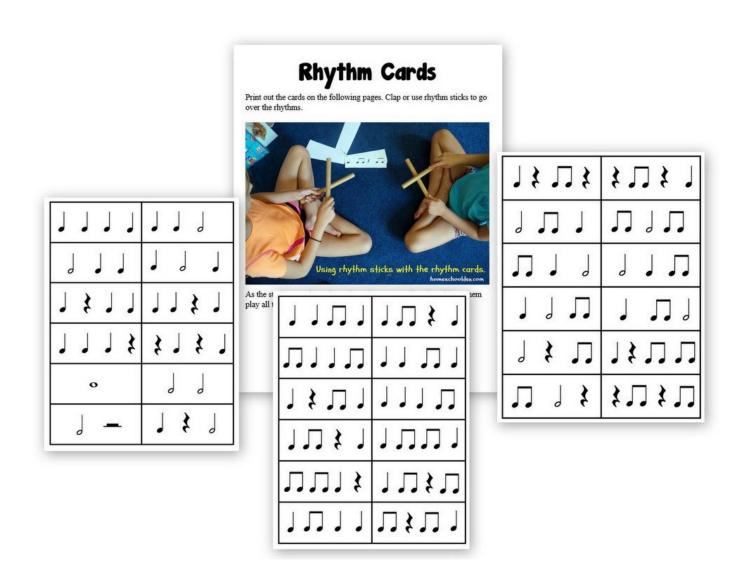
These and all of the worksheets for Weeks I-9 are included in our Full Music Curriculum Packet.

How Many Beats? Matching Cards



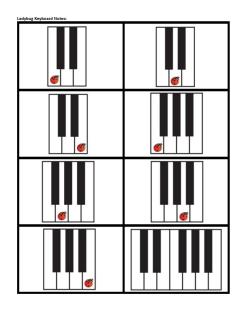
Rhythm Cards

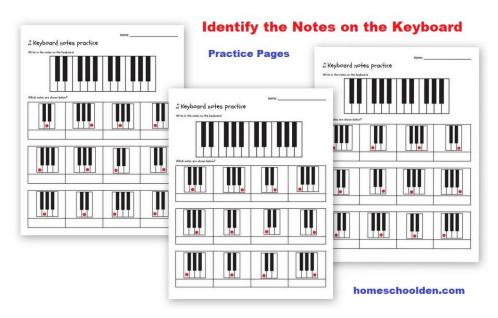
Use the cards to practice basic rhythm patterns:



Keyboard Notes Practice

There are a few more practice pages for identifying the notes on a keyboard in the **Music Activity Packet**.







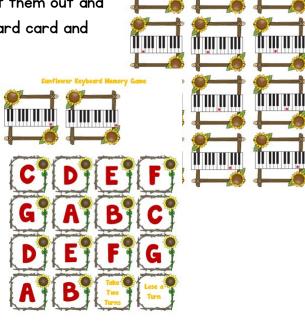
Sunflower Keyboard Memory Game

This game is found in the in the Music Activity Packet.

Print out the sunflower keyboard pages on card stock. Cut them out and place them face down. Take turns flipping over one keyboard card and trying to find the matching note.



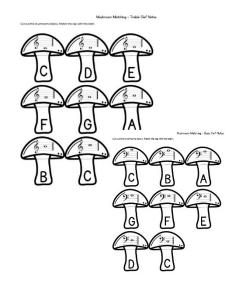




Mushroom Matching

As you start to introduce the notes to your kid/s, there is a mushroom matching activity in the Music Activity Packet. Cut out the mushrooms. Match the mushroom's top with the correct stem.

There are treble clef and base clef notes.



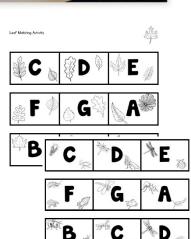


Grand Staff - Dime Activity

Print out the grand staff page located in the **Music Activity**Packet. As you introduce the notes each week, have your students practice placing a dime or token on the correct space or line on the grand staff.

You can choose note names randomly for your students or you can print out the leaf matching or bug letter cards. Have students flip over a card and place the dime or token on the correct space or line.



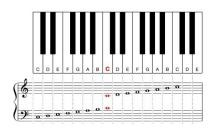


Piano, Keyboard or Xylophone Practice



Have your kids start to find the correct notes on a keyboard or xylophone, using any of the cards in the **music activity packet**. Have your kids select a card and find that note on their instrument.

Print out the keyboard and notes reference page to help your student find these new notes.

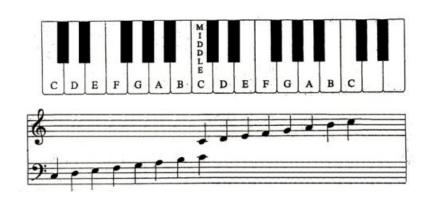




Week I

Learn these new notes: B C C D





Rhythm Clapping, Introduce value of notes (quarter, half, dotted half, whole). Play the Music Game.

This week's notes:

What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. Q-quarter note H-half note W whole note

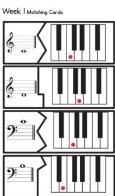


Week 1 - 1

Week 1 Plans



Learn the new notes for this week. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)



Go over the introduction to music worksheets.



Work on the piano notes. Use the ladybug keyboard cards and clothes pin cards for practice. Print each card on cardstock. Laminate for durability.

Students take a clothes pin and attach it to the correct answer.

Play matching games and board games to learn the name of the notes.

Hands-on Games and Activities

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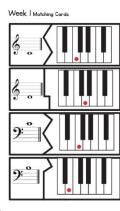
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Use the rhythm cards and introduce the quarter note, half note, whole note rhythms (page 1 in the set).

Work through the Week 1 Worksheets.

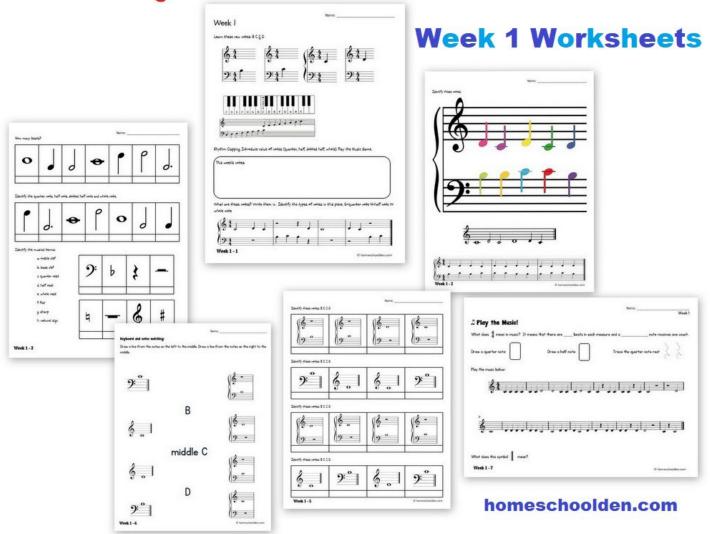






Week 1 Worksheets

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The "Play the Music" page has short practice pieces that can be played on a keyboard or xylophone. I started my kids with a xylophone when they were in preschool and early elementary. This is a picture of the one we purchased off Amazon. It had pretty good tones for being under \$20.



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Music Game Instructions

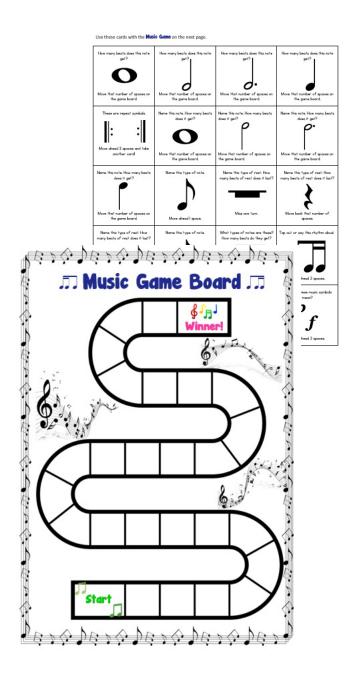
This game helps reinforce the names and number of beats for various notes and rests. It also reviews a few common musical terms.

Print the music game cards and music game board on card stock. Shuffle and place them in a pile face down.

Each player needs a token to move along the game board.

Take turns drawing a card and following the instructions on that card. The first player to make it to the end wins the game!

This activity is in the **Music Activity Packet**.



Bug Swatting Game

Be the first to swat the correct note!

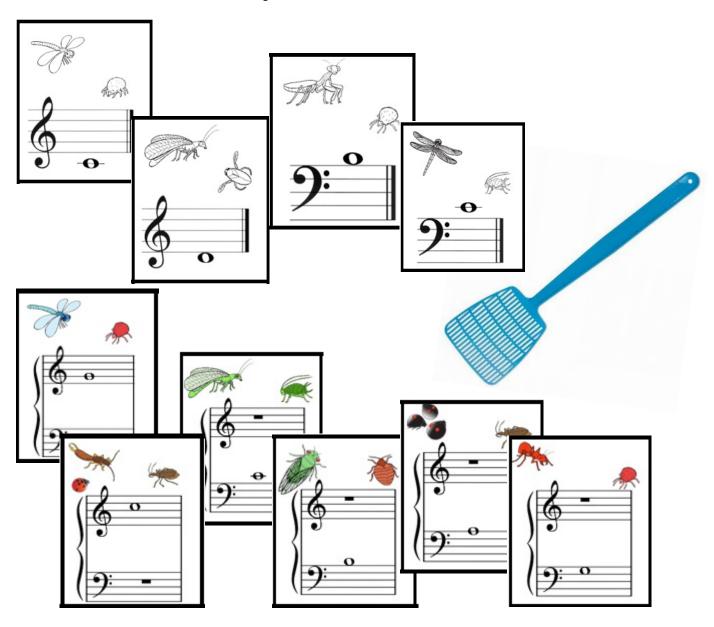
Print out the Bug Activity Cards on card stock. You may want to print out two copies. Laminate if desired.

Place the cards face up in front of the players. Each player will need a fly swatter. Call out a note name – middle C, B or D. The first person to swat a card gets to remove it from the table. Once all the cards are gone, count the cards to see who won the round.



Each week, add in more cards to the game as they learn new notes.

This activity is in the **Music Activity Packet**. These cards are available in black and white – treble clef and bass clef. There are also grand staff notes.



Name:	

Week 2

Review B C D Learn these new notes: A E



Rhythm: What types of notes are these?



What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. Q-quarter note H-half note W whole note DH-dotted half note



Week 2 - 1

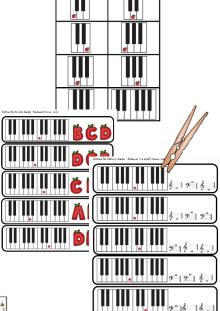
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Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)

2: Section Cards

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Keyboard Memory Game

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Work on the piano/keyboard notes. Use the ladybug keyboard cards and clothes pin cards for practice. Print each card on cardstock. Laminate for durability. Students

Go over the introduction to music worksheets as needed.

take a clothes pin and attach it to the correct answer.

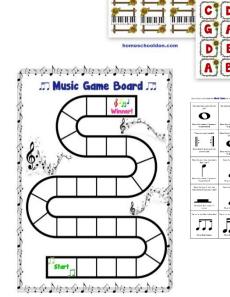
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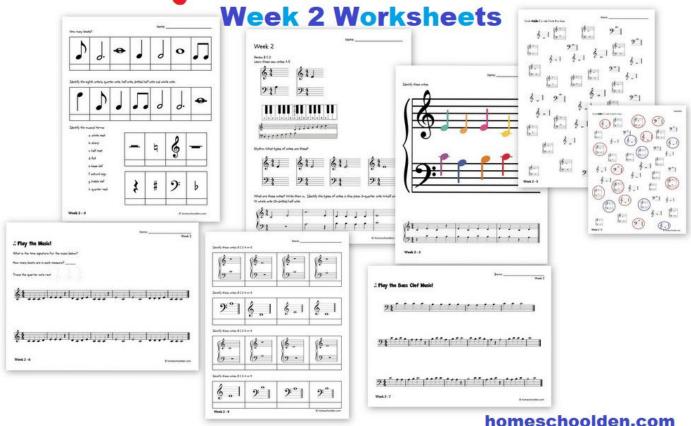
Use the rhythm cards and introduce the eighth/quaver notes.

Work through the Week 2 Worksheets



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The "Play the Music" page has short practice pieces that can be played on a keyboard or xylophone. I started my kids with a xylophone when they were in preschool and early elementary. They started playing the keyboard/piano when they were around 7 or 8 years old.

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Apple Bingo Game

Print out the Apple Bingo Cards for the week you want to play on card stock.

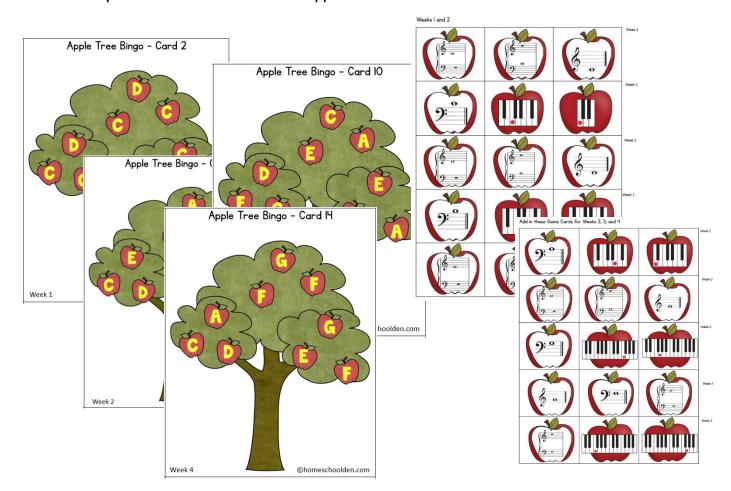
Each player needs tokens to cover their bingo card.

Print out the bingo cards needed (see weeks below). You might want to print out two copies of the cards (and use the weeks indicated).

- Week | Bingo you need the Week | rows
- Week 2 Bingo You need the rows for Weeks I and 2
- Week 3 Bingo You need the rows for Weeks I, 2 and 3
- Week 4 Bingo You need the rows for Weeks I, 2, 3, and 4



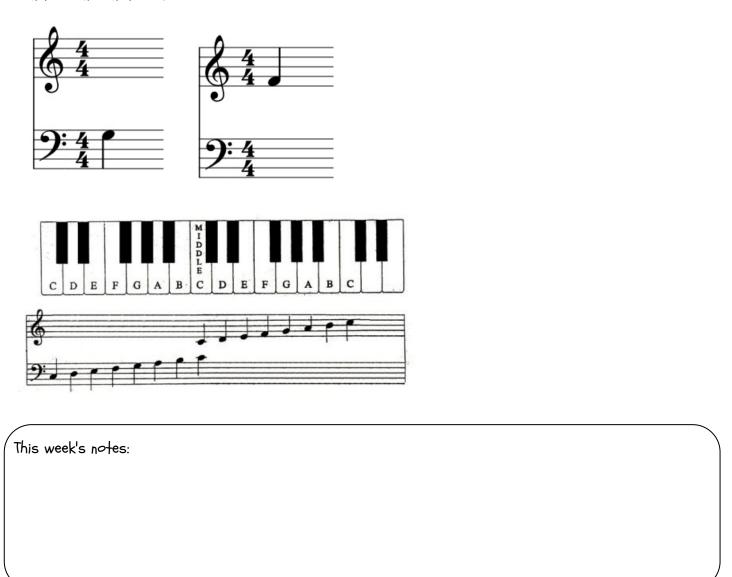
Shuffle the apple bingo cards and place them face down in a pile. One player picks up a card and identifies the note. Everyone covers one of the letters on their apple tree. Then the next player picks up a card and identifies the note. Again, everyone covers one of the letters on their apple tree. The first person to cover all of their apples calls out "BINGO" and wins the round!



Week 3

Review ABCDE

Learn these new notes: GF



What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. Q-quarter note H-half note W whole note DH-dotted half note



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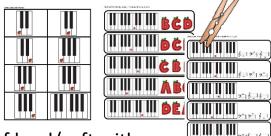


Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)



Go over the introduction to music worksheets as needed.

Work on the piano/keyboard notes. Use the ladybug keyboard cards and clothes pin cards for practice.



Begin working on **dynamics**. Introduce the concept of loud/soft with a call & repeat song (doing it loudly, softly, very softly, etc.)



Print out the **Music Symbol Matching Cards**. Pull out the **dynamics cards** and have students practice with those.

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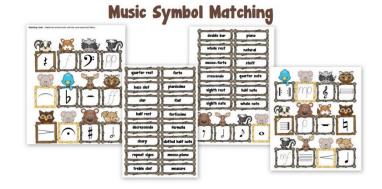
- Mushroom Music Symbols Matching Cards
- Animal Music Symbols Matching Cards

Hands-on Games and Activities

Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

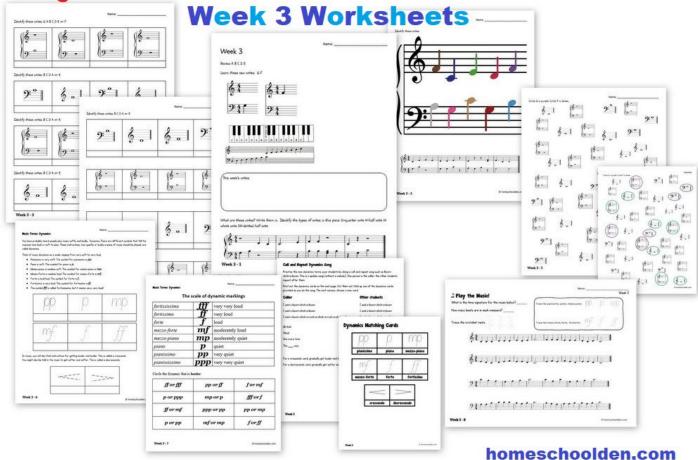
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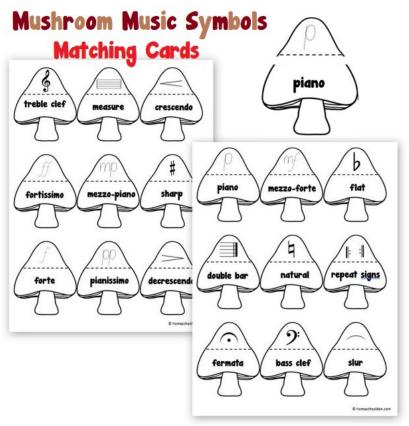
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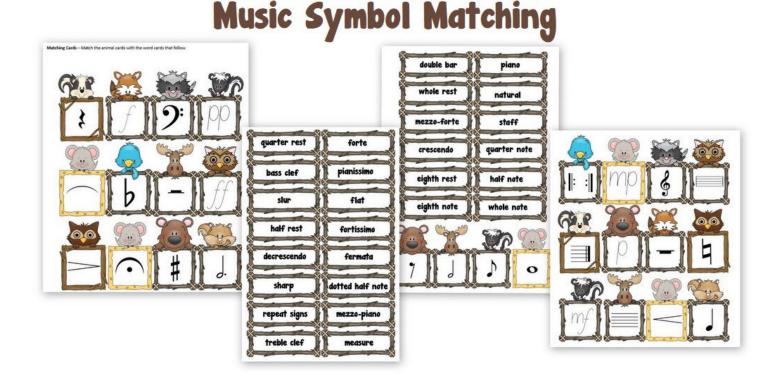


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Music Symbols Matching Activities

Begin learning all the music symbols. Start working on dynamics in Week 3. Add more cards in weeks 4 and 5.





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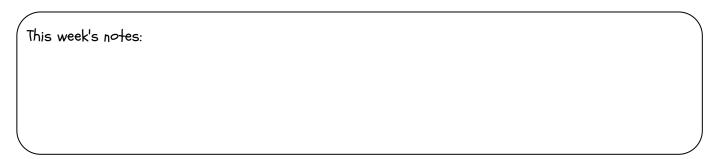
Week 4

Review GABCDEF

Learn these new notes: F G



Rhythm: Introduce eighth notes and eighth rests



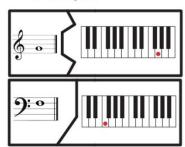
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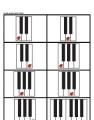


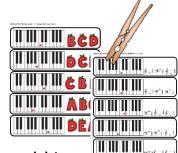
Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.) Week 4 Matching Cards



Go over the introduction to music worksheets as needed.

Work on the piano/keyboard notes. Use the ladybug keyboard cards and clothes pin cards for practice.





Continue working on the music symbols. If your kids know them, add in the music symbol bingo game.

Music Symbols

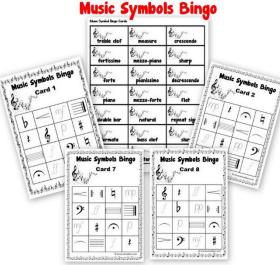
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Hands-on Games and Activities

Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

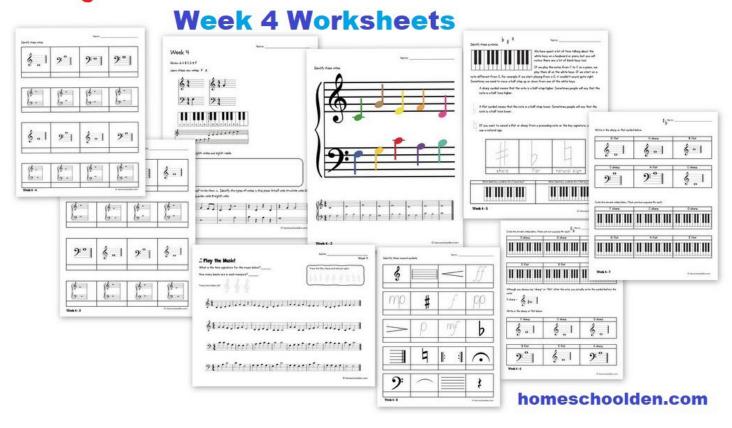
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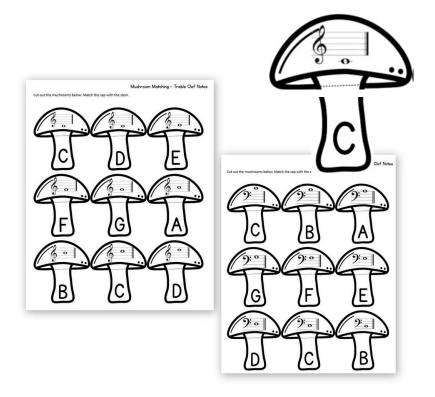
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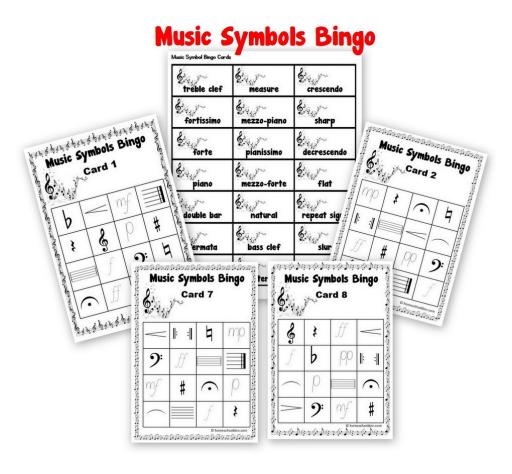
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Mushroom Note Matching Activity



Music Symbols Bingo

Review the music symbols with this music bingo game.

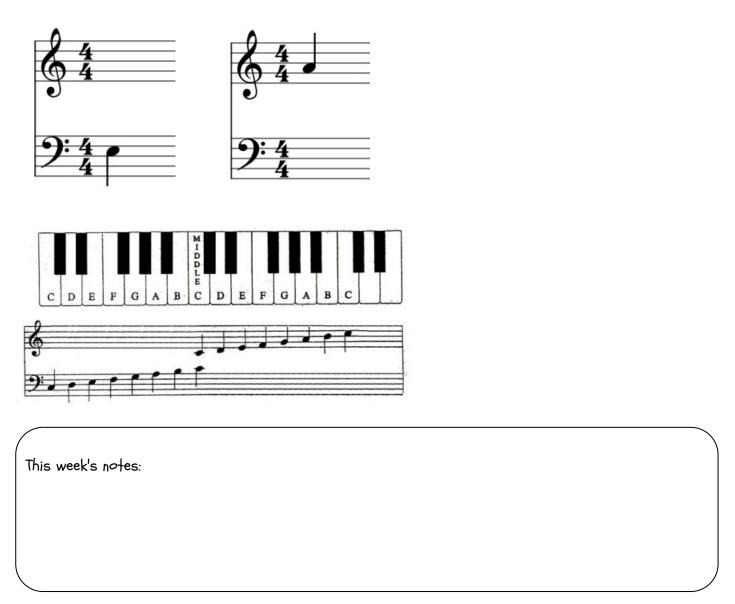


Name:			

Week 5

Review FGABCDEFG

Learn these new notes: E A



What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. H-half note W-whole note DH-dotted half note Q-quarter note E-eighth note



J Week 5 Plans J



Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)



Continue working on the piano/keyboard notes.

Continue working on the music symbols. Play the music symbol bingo game.

- Mushroom Music Symbols Matching Cards
- Animal Music Symbols Matching Cards
- Music Symbol Bingo Game

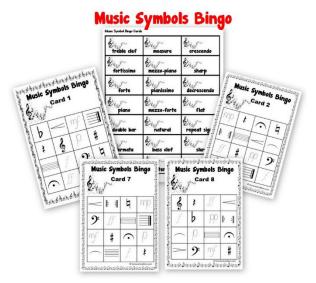
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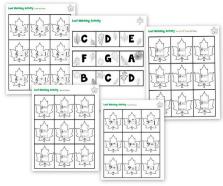
Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

- Leaf Note Matching Activity
- Rhythm Cards
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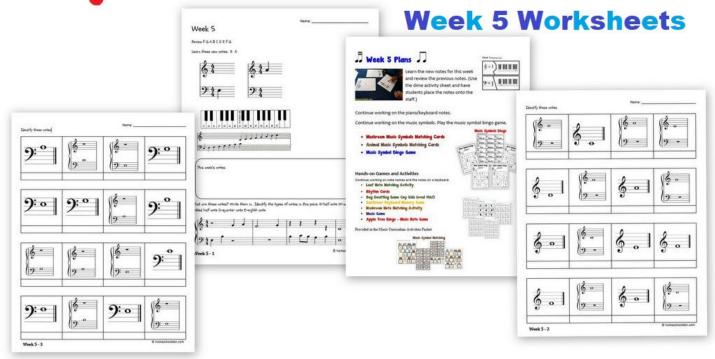








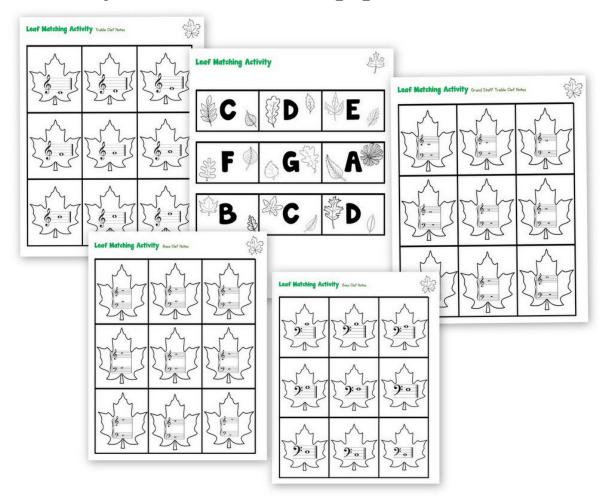
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Leaf Matching Activity

Review the music symbols with this music bingo game.



Music Symbol Matching Review

Music Symbol Matching



Name:			

Week 6

Review EFGABCDEFGA

Learn these new notes: D B



This week's notes:

What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. H-half note W-whole note DH-dotted half note Q-quarter note E-eighth note



J Week 6 Plans J



Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)

Continue working on the piano/keyboard notes.

Continue working on the music symbols. If your kids know them, add in the music symbol bingo game.

Music Symbols Bingo

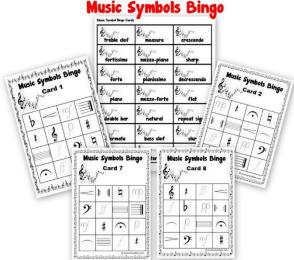
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Hands-on Games and Activities

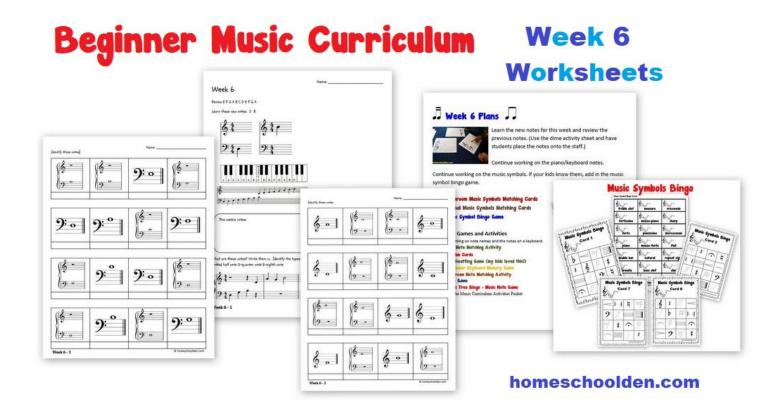
Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

- Leaf Note Matching Activity
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Name:			

Week 7

Review DEFGABCDEFGAB

Learn these new notes: C C



This week's notes:

What are these notes? Write them in. Identify the types of notes in this piece. H-half note W-whole note DH-dotted half note Q-quarter note E-eighth note



J Week 7 Plans



Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the

dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)

Continue working on the piano/keyboard notes.

Continue working on the music symbols.

- **Mushroom Music Symbols Matching Cards**
- **Animal Music Symbols Matching Cards**
- Music Symbol Bingo Game

Hands-on Games and Activities

Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

- Go Fish
- Fish Board Game





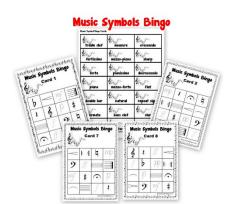
More Hands-on Games and Activities

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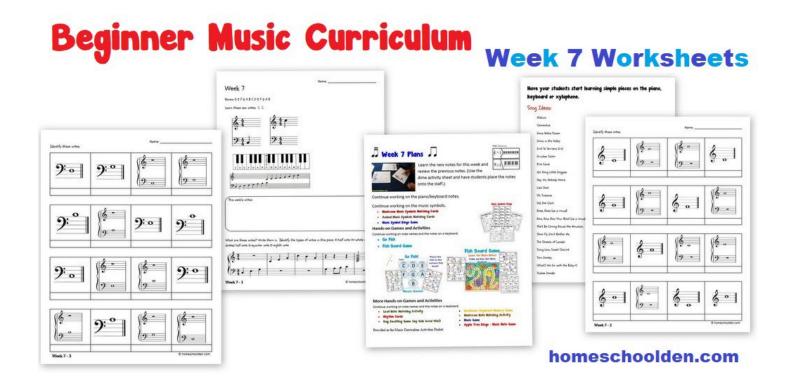
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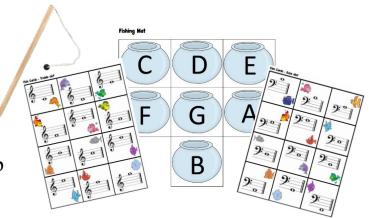


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Go Fish!

Print out the fishbowls and fish cards on cardstock.

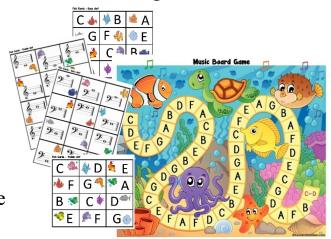
Cut out the fish cards and place a paper clip on each card.



Make a "fishing rod" with a piece of string with a magnet at the end. Have students "catch" a fish, identify the note and then place it onto the fishing mat.

Fish Board Game

Print the fish cards out on card stock. Cut them out, shuffle and place them face down. Print out the game board. Players take turns drawing a card and moving to the next space with that letter. The player that makes it to the end by drawing a C or D card wins the game!

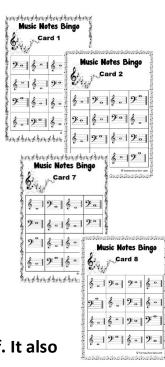


Fish Music Note Bingo!

Print out both the treble clef and bass clef fish cards on cardstock. Cut them out and place them face down (but do not include the high E, F or G in the treble clef cards or the low A, G or F bass clef cards).

Each player gets a bingo card. Players take turns turning over a card, identifying it and covering that note (if they have it) with a token. The first person to get four in a row (or a full card) wins the round.

Note: The bingo game does not include high E, F or G in the treble clef. It also does not include low base clef A, G or F.



Have your students start learning simple pieces on the piano, keyboard or xylophone.

Song Ideas:

Alleluia
Clementine
Dona Nobis Pacem
Down in the Valley
Drill Ye Terriers Drill
Drunken Sailor
Erie Canal
Git Along Little Doggies
Hey, Ho, Nobody Home
Liza Jane
Oh, Susanna
Old Joe Clark
Rose, Rose (as a round)
Row, Row, Row Your Boat (as a round)
She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain
Shoo Fly Don't Bother Me
The Streets of Laredo
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Tom Dooley
What'll We Do with the Baby-0
Yankee Doodle

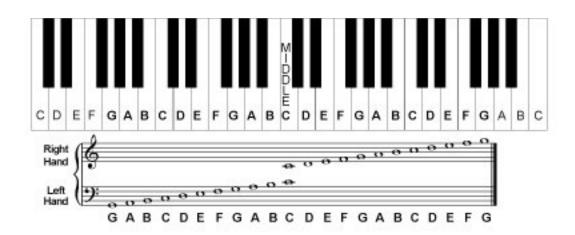
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Week 8

Review CDEFGABCDEFGABC

Learn these new notes: B D





Identify the notes and symbols on the music page provided.

Draw the symbols:

staff	measure	treble clef	bass clef
sharp	flat	double bar	repeat sign
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Learn the new notes for this week and review the previous notes. (Use the dime activity sheet and have students place the notes onto the staff.)

Continue working on the piano/keyboard notes. Use the

free candy corn and ice cream scoop cards from Layton Music.

Continue working on the music symbols.

- Mushroom Music Symbols Matching Cards
- Animal Music Symbols Matching Cards
- Music Symbol Bingo Game

Hands-on Games and Activities

Continue working on note names and the notes on a keyboard.

- Go Fish
- Fish Board Game
- Music Note Bingo



More Hands-on Games a

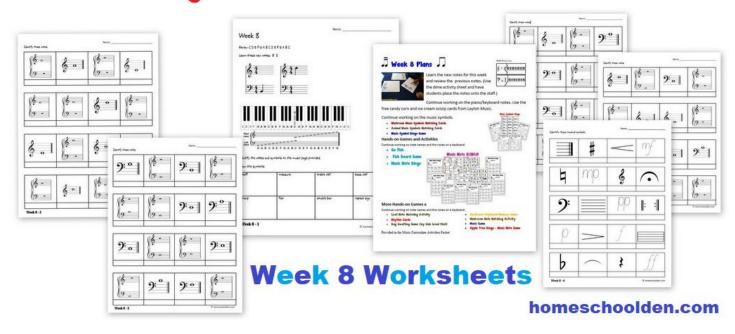
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- Leaf Note Matching Activity
- Rhythm Cards
- Bug Swatting Game (my kids loved this!)
- Sunflower Keyboard Memory Game
- Mushroom Note Matching Activity
- Music Game
- Apple Tree Bingo Music Note Game

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Beginner Music Curriculum



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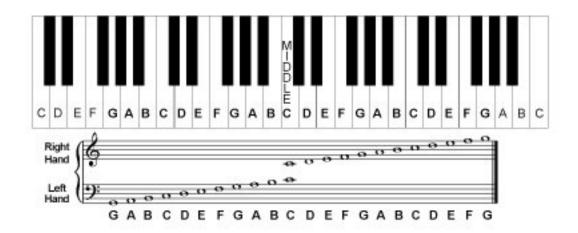
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Week 9

Review BCDEFGABCDEFGABCD

Learn these new notes: A E





Identify the notes and symbols on the music page provided.

Draw the symbols:

natural sign	piano	forte	crescendo
decrescendo	eighth rest	tie	quarter rest

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Music Symbols Bingo

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Continue working on the music symbols.

- Mushroom Music Symbols Matching Cards
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- Music Symbol Bingo Game

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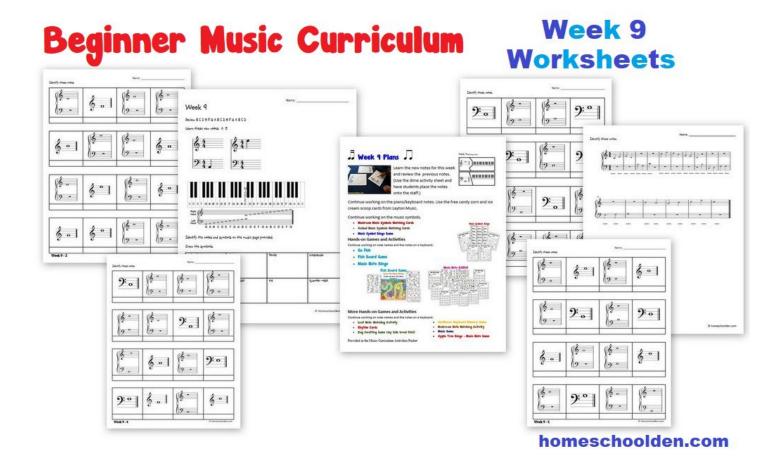
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- Music Game
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J Week 9 Worksheets J



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My Music Practice Chart



	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun
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Week 2							
Week 3							
Week 4							
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Week 6							
Week 7							
Week 8							
Week 9							
Week 10							