

Building Classroom Community and Character Through Music

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Interest groups: Early Childhood, Elementary

1. You will find a heart under your chair. Write your first name on one side and your wish/dream for yourself or for the world on the other side. Place it under your chair, when you're finished we'll begin.
2. Ago – Ame (calling children to order) - This is something new we are using, it's a call to order, used in a lot of Afro-centric schools. Twi language, West Africa.
3. Young Masters Pledge – Make a peace sign and place it over your heart.
Repeat after me:

I promise to use my gifts everyday, in everyway, for I am a Young Masters.

(Don't forget to use the turns on "everyday" and "everyway")

4. Getting acquainted through music and arts.
 - Using clapping, rhythm sticks, shakers for teaching tools
 - I Am Somebody (from Dream A World Activity Kit w/CD)
 - Call and response
 - Chant with name – go around the circle
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5. Secrets of the Heart
 - We're all born with gifts to share, I call some of those gifts the Secrets of the Heart
 - You can use these as weekly or monthly themes accompanied by circle time activities and music
 - Friendship, kindness, imagination, gratitude, love, creativity, courage, peace, family, beauty, happiness, (Young Masters Little Wisdom Book and Music Series
 - Use ASL signs, you can look most of them up on line.
6. Activities
 - Peaceable Being – pair with I Am Somebody and talk about how each child is unique and has special gifts to share with the world. (Show example)

- Pass the gift box around the circle. Play EVERYDAY IS A GIFT, from Young Masters: The Hidden Treasure. When the music stops you have to say what one of your gifts is and how you can use it.
7. Once you play a song. Identify the instruments used in that song. Ie: piano, drums, bass.
- Make your own rhythm instruments and play to the music
 - 1-2-3-4
 - Shakers
 - Drums
 - Ukulele – Play “When You Share” from Young Masters: This Little Light
 - Ukulele is from Portugal, in the Hawaiian language ukulele means “jumping flea.”
 - Talk about where the instruments originated, bring in geography
 - Show pictures of shakers you can make – see link on resource sheet.
8. Affirmation Chants and songs – Use Your Creativity
- P-E-A-C-E - PEACE BEGINS WITH YOU AND ME – CHEERLEADER CHANT
 - Use melody of BINGO
 - PEACE, PEACE, PEACE – PEACE BEGINS WITH ME
 - Use melody – I’M A LITTLE TEAPOT
 - I can be a friend oh yes I can,
Be a friend, yes I can
You can be a friend too, yes siree
Let’s be friends you and me
 - Use melody Brother John- I am peaceful, I am peaceful, yes I am, yes I am
 - I am peaceful
 - I am caring
 - I show kindness
 - I am helpful
 - Create your own lyrics to a simple song
9. Integrating culture and music
- Fanga – Liberian Folk song and dance that demonstrates kindness
 - What it means in English
 - Teach words
 - Teach dance
 - Available on website – see resource sheet
10. Art activities:
- Young Masters Headdress – children place picture of things for which they’re thankful - BRING EXAMPLE – SHOW PICTURES ON SCREEN

- Instruction to make Headdress is in the Young Masters Little Wisdom Curriculum - available on the website
- TALK ABOUT THE FRIENDSHIP TREE
- Bringing Parents on board – Creating a family Dream/Vision Board

11. Pair themes, reading and music together, then integrate some history or geography

12. Where to find some of the resources we've mentioned

- Some of the resources we've mentioned today are part of the Young Masters Little Wisdom Curriculum and books
- There are many other books you can use

13. In pairs talk about the wish or dream you wrote on your heart. What secret of the heart can you use to accomplish your wish or dream. (use this with parents and children)

14. Resources – see separate sheet

Books, Music, Activity Kits and Curriculum www.dreamaworld.com

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