

Little Kids Rock: Playing The Guitar

A WebQuest for Learning The Guitar for any grade

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Introduction

Your mission

Our guitar class understands that music is a critical component of a first-rate performance. Your goal is to express yourself through music, building the creativity, confidence, and self-esteem that are critical to success in school and beyond. You will accomplish this by working on the following webquest in your guitar groups. When finished, you will apply the knowledge and experience to continue your guitar lessons outside this classroom. Check out the task for your complete assignment!

Class vision

Music is a critical component of a first-rate education. Children who know the joys of expressing themselves creatively build confidence and self-esteem, and are less likely to channel their energy into destructive outlets. These benefits spill over into all of the other academic subjects. Unfortunately, many elementary schools have been stripped of their music programs. These cuts have had a disproportionately large impact on children from low-income backgrounds. Our programming restores music to its rightful place in the academic lives of the kids in our public schools.





The Task

Download the following free guitar videos from iTunes:

- Introduction to the A chord
- Introduction to the E chord
- Introduction to the Am chord
- Tying it together with strumming styles

View videos and practice during class time with a small group.

After learning about these chords and style, you will play a chord progression showing the chords you learned through this webquest.

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The Process

1. First you'll need to tune your guitar, like always it is important to learn this and attempt it every time you begin playing.

2. Once you've tuned your guitar go to the iTunes store website[take me now!](#)
 3. Start a search for Little kids rock videos- these are all free.
 4. Download them to the class computer to use for future reference
 5. Save them to your iPod at home if you plan on really becoming a pro!
 6. Play them and practice during, after and always! Remember our class rule- PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!
 7. You will be graded on your ability to play the chords from the video with proper fingers and progression style and technique.
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Evaluation

Class Webquest Itune Video Guitar Playing Evaluation Rubric

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Song: _____

Overall Performance	Needs Improvement: • Performance needs work.	Satisfactory:	Excellent Work: • Performance sounds good.
Timing	• The player makes little effort to keep timing the same throughout the song.	• The player makes an effort to keep timing the same throughout the song.	• Timing is generally consistent from the start of the song through to the end.

Sound Clarity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes performed are unclear with “dead strings” heard throughout the song. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes performed are generally clear with only a little “dead string” effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes performed are clear.
Transitions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The song is interrupted in order for the performer to change chords. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a slight lapse in timing as chords are changed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions are generally seamless and not noticeable.
Position (guitar & hand)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar position is inefficient and correct fingerings are seldom used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar can be played and correct fingerings are generally used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guitar is held in an efficient position for playing and correct fingerings are used. 	
Creativity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song is played with little feel for the music being performed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song is played with some feel and phrasing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song is played with feel, phrasing, and “extras” are added in an attempt to enhance the sound.

Conclusion

Working with your peers is a great way for you to learn and help others play the guitar. Your involvement in this webquest will give you a great opportunity to learn how to search useful resources rather than relying on your teacher to help you. I will always be available for you, however, if the guitar is a passion of yours you will find yourself wanting to learn more on your own.

Credits & References

<http://www.littlekidsrock.org/TWResources/docs/Start%20to%20Rock%20Guitar.pdf>

<http://www.tldsbc.on.ca/schools/wattps/All%20Things%20Musical/INTERM~1.pdf>
