

Warm-Ups - Tried and True!

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Engaging the Breath

(Starting consonants that work 98.2% of the time - vv, th, zz, lip trill)

[lip trill] _____ vv _____ thi - e - a - o - u

Any others pop in your head? Write them here before they're gone :)

Building Resonance

(mm/nn/zz/ng + high-tongue vowels = success)

zip zip zi _____ ni e a _____ zing i _____

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Strengthening Ensemble

(any pretty harmony or harmonic sequence with a tone/vowel unification focus will light up your kids)

D T L _____ S F M R M

u _____

As the choir descends, a different small chunk of students holds a given pitch so that all are being held on the penultimate note. Then everyone resolves to the nearest pitch in the tonic triad.

D R M F S L T D T L S F M R DMSD

Fun Ones Loaded With Teachable Concepts

Feet Feet Flat on the Floor

1 2 3

Feet, feet, flat on the floor, back a-way from the chair, chest up, chin down, al-ways sing with care.

D T L S F M R D, D T L S F M R D, D T L S F M R D, Ev-'ry - bo - dy sing!

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures labeled 1, 2, and 3. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Old Jim John

1 2 3 4

Old Jim John, he's the old-est man to sit u-pon the seat by yon - der syc-a-more tree.

Old Jim John, when he is dead and gone, there-'ll be none left on as_ old as he.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures labeled 1, 2, 3, and 4. The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Soda Pop Cans

Part I

Rollo Dilworth (reprinted with permission)

Someone'sswip-in' my so-da popcans. Someone'sswip-in', I know. I amdown to just five cans. Someone'sswip-in', I know. Ah.

Ah.

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures. The second staff has four measures, with a long horizontal line under the notes and the word 'Ah.' written below it.

Part II

Someone'sswip-in' my so-da popcans. Some-one's swip-in', I know. I am down to just five cans. Some-one's swip-in', I know.

I'm swip-in'. I'm swip-in'. I'm swip-in' those so-da pop cans. I'm swip-in'. I'm swip-in'. I'm swip-in' those cans.

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