

Dear Cassell K-2 parents and guardians,

In hopes of giving your children the opportunity to further enrich their experiences with music while schools are closed, I want to share with you some activities they can enjoy at home. Some of these activities can be done on their own, some they can do with you or a friend, and some can be done using a device that is connected to the internet.

### **Activities on own**

1. Note reading sheets (for 1st and 2nd grade)
  - a. With this packet I'm attaching some note reading sheets students can work on.
2. Instrument coloring sheets (for all of K-2)
  - a. Students can color in pictures of different instruments in the orchestra to help them remember their names.
3. Draw a musical story!
  - a. Students can listen to any song that has no words and draw a picture or comic book story that would fit to the song.

### **Activities with family**

1. What's the story?
  - a. Take some time to talk with your child about one of his or her favorite songs to listen to on the radio and about one of your own favorite songs on the radio. Write down (or look up) the lyrics to each of the songs and talk about the story each song tells like you would a book.
2. Name that tune!
  - a. Test each other's ability to hum a tune and recognize melodies! This game can be played with two or more people. Simply hum songs to each other and attempt to identify the tune.

### **Activities on Connected Devices**

1. Youtube Karaoke!
  - a. Students can work on their reading fluency and their singing at the same time by finding karaoke versions of their favorite songs on youtube and singing along with the words on the screen!
2. Watch a musical or a concert!
  - a. Students can actively listen to or watch musicals and concerts online. While watching, they should actively ask themselves questions such as (but not limited to) the following.
    - i. What instruments do i hear?
    - ii. What story is being told?
    - iii. What makes the music sound... (scary, happy, sad etc.)
    - iv. Why do I like (or dislike) this song?
    - v. How does the dancing match the music?
3. Activities from Mr. T
  - a. For the duration of the closing, I will be posting more activities, projects, and ideas for our students to try out at home on the cassell music website. You can find this site by going to [cassellmusic.weebly.com](http://cassellmusic.weebly.com) on any connected device.