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PRESENTATION

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PRESENTATION ACTIVITY WITH GROUPS OF CHILDREN

Once the preschool lessons are set up to begin in a preschool it is a good idea to have a presentation activity for each class of 3 and 4 year olds since it is generally the children who choose which extra activity in which they wish to participate.

The following presentation activity even allows the children to spend a couple minutes one on one with you if it can be arranged easily.

As always, I write suggestions plus what is actually said to the children -hope it is obvious.

The children will probably be sitting on a big rug on the floor. If the school has more than one 4 year old class, they will probably be combined for this time with you, so you might have quite a large group. As always, do what is comfortable for you.

Hi everybody!

My name is _____.

Does anybody here know how to play a song on the piano or keyboard? Yes? Wow!

Today we are going to learn about a clock song. - ever heard of a song about a clock?

What do clocks say?

Most clocks are quiet, but some of them make a teeny little noise - especially those that hang on the wall.

We say "Tick Tock" when we talk about that sound.

Let's pretend we are clocks.

Do you want to be big clocks or little clocks?

OK, we will be both - first big clocks.

Big clocks: Stand up, hands together over head, sway back and forth each time you say tock or tock.

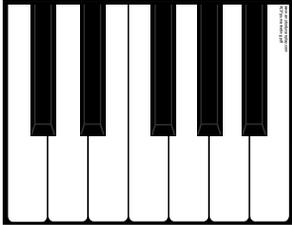
Ready?

Tick Tock Tick Tockk...Soon add actual words and have children sing words with you as you sway. Tick Tock Tick Tock I Am A Clock

Now let's be little clocks.

Everyone sit down again.

Little Clocks: Sitting down, just sway pointer finger back and forth - sing words to the song.



ACTIVITY SHEET: GIANT KEYS

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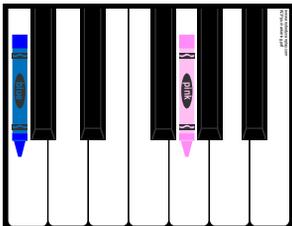
What are these?

Yes, they are a drawing of piano keys.

What color are these?

What color are these?

So, we have black keys and white keys.



ACTIVITY SHEET: GIANT KEYS WITH PINK AND BLUE CRAYONS

Here is another giant drawing of piano keys.

Is it exactly like the other one?

No??? Oh, it has a couple crayons on it!

A pink one and a blue one.

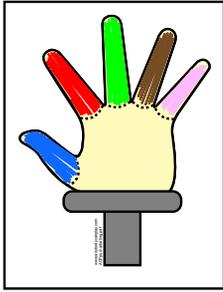
There must be some reason for those crayons. (sheet down)

When we play the piano we use all our fingers, not just one finger.

(Demonstrate by holding up hand and wiggling fingers, then "playing" on the table or your arm if you are standing.)

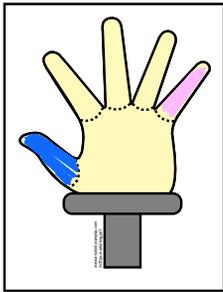
Can you tap one finger at a time - any finger you like, but keep changing fingers.

Wow! You are going to be great piano players!



ACTIVITY SHEET: HAND, ALL FINGERS COLOR CODED

Here is a hand with colored fingers, but more than just those pink and blue crayons.



ACTIVITY SHEET: HAND WITH PINK AND BLUE FINGERS COLOR CODED

Oh, here is the hand with just a pink finger and blue finger colored.

Remember to always turn your hand around so when you talk about your pinkie finger it is in the same place as the children's pinkie finger when they look at their hands...yes at times it is a bit awkward! And always hold your hand wide open and point to the finger you are talking about with your other hand.

Soooo, our pinkie finger is our pretend pink finger.

Can you tap the table/floor/knee with your pink finger?

Now tap that pink finger two times. One, two! Good Etc.

Which finger is the pretend blue one?

Can you tap your blue thumb?

Tap your blue finger one time...now two times...etc.

Now let's go back and forth and pretend we are tickng and tocking like a clock. Ready?

Pink, Blue, Pink, Blue, Pink, Blue, Pink, Blue

Sing...Tick (your pink one), Tock (your blue one), Tick (pink)

Tock (blue), I (pink) Am (blue) A (pink) Clock (blue)

NOW TWO DIFFERENT ENDINGS TO PRESENTATION



Each one of you is going to be able to play this song on that little keyboard over there.

Then explain how it is going to be done. Usually the preschool teacher sends them over a couple at a time...

Just help them play the song, then give them the Take Home Sheet with the color coded keys or put their sheets into their individual take home folders.

OR....

If you are not going to spend individual time with the children, pass out those Take Home laminated sheets at this point and have the children tap through the song on the sheets. You will probably have to collect the sheets, then put them in each child's take home folder.

Generally the sign up sheets for parents are put in their child's folder. However, teachers who are impressed with your presentation will generally tell the parents that this is a great opportunity for their child.

Enjoy your time with these kids!