



First Note Extensions and Center Activities

In addition to teaching the skills directly associated with music education, the songs and nursery rhymes included in First Note lessons have countless uses as bridges to subject areas throughout classroom disciplines.

The rhymes and songs in the First Note Program naturally lead to extensions and activities that are fun for Daily Five Activities, Literacy Centers, Math Centers, Science lessons and Social Studies themes. We hope you and your students are able to enjoy the ideas below. We welcome lessons from First Note users and thank you for any you'd like to share.

Lesson	Literacy Center Activities	Math Center Activities	Science Extensions	Social Studies Geography/Culture Connections	Music/Movement Activities
1	Write your own lyrics for Engine Engine	Counting from 1-9 Count and chart how many times	Build ramps for trains	American Roots - Banjo	Dinah - Find the Door Game
2	Rhyming – recognize/produce rhymes	Even vs. Odd (2, 4, 6, 8)	Flower and Color Identification	East Africa	Clapping and Tapping to the Beat
3	ABC Station - Letter B	Shapes - (Twinkle Twinkle)	Pollination – Honey bees and Flowers	Cuba	Twinkle Twinkle
4	Recognize question words (Who and What)	Measurement (measure doors/windows)	Astronomy - Space and Stars	Japan	Punchinella Circle Game
5	Rhyming (Doctor Foster)	Distance and measurement - maps	Water Cycle (Rain Rain)	Folk Music - America	Make Shakers
6	Retell Hey Diddle Diddle using Flannel Board	Memory Game	Farm Animals	Cowichan Tribe	Create Puppets and Act Song out
7	Reading and writing recipes (Peas Porridge Hot)	Measurement - Temperature	Chemistry/Cooking - Make Hot Cross Buns	Germany	Hand-Clapping Game
8	Rhymes and matching word families (Jack Be Nimble...)	Shapes Star Light, Star Bright	Light - Brightness	Mexico	Running and Jumping
9	Punctuation - Question Mark (Serra Serra Serrador)	Counting in Portuguese	Make Drums	Brazil	Tap shoulders and hips to the beat while singing as Call/Response song
10	Label body parts	Measure body parts	Biology - Human Body Parts	America - Rock	Looby Loo Circle Game
11	Pronunciation Key (Kye Kye Kule!)	Patterns - Call and Response	Animal Sounds	Iran	Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes
12	Read Mary Wore Her Red Dress, adapt song adding student names and what color they are wearing.	Shapes - add clothes to stick figure	Mixing primary colors to create new colors	America - Western	Attendance Song - Billy Wore a Blue Shirt
13	Descriptive writing – describe a fruit	Calendar Skills	Planting Seeds/Apple Science Experiment	African American	Circle Game - chant, share birthdays Apple/Orange Toss

14	Group Letter to the Three Bears	Spill the Bears 1-to-1 Correspondence	Creative Play - take care of injured bear	China	Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, Touch the Ground
15	Identify rhymes in Apples Peaches Pears and Plums	Sort fruit seeds by size and color; estimate number of seeds in container	What seed do I have? Pick and describe seeds as others guess.	Northeast America	Clap and sing birthday months with Apples, Peaches, Pears and Plums
16	Re-enact characters, My Father Was a Butcher	Number Worm (sequencing)	What shapes roll?	American Jazz	Jump Rope to My Father was a Butcher
17	Class vegetable book	Sorting and classifying groups of vegetables	Cooking – Make vegetable soup	Korea	Honey Bee “waggle dance”
18	Word family lists (-ock, -own)	Clocks and Time	Make Sundials, talk about daytime and nighttime	New Orleans	London Bridge circle game
19	Listen to music and repetition, clap to syllables	Count by tallying the number of times they hear the word “asi”	Define career of carpenters – what is made of wood?	Latin America	Act out what people do in each verse
20	Listen to rhymes in Queen Queen Caroline , change lyrics with student names	Fractions – pie pieces	Kitchen Science – bake a pie	Ireland	Dramatic Play – Act out Little Jack Horner
21	Complete the lyric with what they will do when they go out to play	Big vs. small, comparing and ordering numbers	Learn about balance through experimenting with see saws	Turkey	Charades with recess activities
22	Listen for English words in Italian song	Clapping the rhythm, counting the beats	Why do tires need air?	Italy	Act out car with a flat tire being fixed
23	Respond to question – what is your favorite food?	Graph class favorite dinner food	Focus on the sense of hearing – loud and soft	South America	Practice playing and speaking rhymes in forte and piano with conductors
24	Duet – paired reading	Measure and weigh a brick	Build with bricks	Drum Circle, San Francisco	Hop, Spin, Drum to All ‘Round the Brickyard
25	Descriptive writing - lemonade	Lemonade Stand Math	Blue Lemonade	Indonesia	Dramatic Play – Lemonade Stand is Open vs. Closed
26	Read <i>Snail Trail</i> by Ruth Brown	Matching and/or memory game with pairs of shells carton	Search for and record observations about snails outside	United Kingdom	High-Low movement to follow high and low pitch in Snail Snail
27	Read <i>The Biggest House in the World</i> by Leo Leonna	Make 3D snail from egg carton	Create habitat for snail	Romania	Largo/Allegro - practice moving slow and fast
28	Decorate star, describe it in detail	Use shakers to play number of stars for Bye’m Bye	Create class constellation with stars	Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales	Frankie Dance, forming shapes and letters with our bodies: X, O. Be a star!
29	Read non-fiction about Puerto Rico, activity with word puzzles	Patterns with fish in a variety of shapes, sizes and colors	Sea life surrounding Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico	Cheki Morena Circle Game
30	Read book about night and day and discuss illustrations	Sequence morning noon, evening and night pictures	Label 4-square chart with sun, moon, day, night	American Rock	Follow conductor showing high and low pitches on staff