

100-Piece Band

Counting • Exploring Rhythm and Beat • Appreciating Music

Team up with another class and have students work together to gather materials and make 100 instruments for a band. Invite students to play their instruments along with recorded music, and let the fun begin!

Shakers. Have students place dried beans between two paper plates and staple the plates together. Or have them place beans inside small cans and cover the ends with waxed paper secured in place with rubber bands. Invite students to shake, rattle, and roll!

Kazoos. Have each student tape waxed paper around a comb or over the end of a cardboard tube. Invite students to hum a little melody against the waxed paper and listen to the results.

Spoons. Invite students to tap the backs of spoons together to keep a rhythmic beat.

Sticks and Blocks. Have students tap or rub together wooden sticks or sandpaper blocks to create percussion sounds.

Drums. Invite students to drum with chopsticks against the bottom of cans. Or have students beat their hands against an inflated plastic bag for a unique drum sound.

Invite students to

- * strike a triangle 100 times.
- * tap a drum 100 times.
- * play a 100-note tune.
- * find a song (or a combination of songs) of 100 words.
- * listen to classical music for 100 seconds. Have them interpret what they hear by drawing pictures as they listen to the music.

