

Toddler Storytime: Music!

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Audience

Pre-school children

Description

This storytime geared for toddlers focuses on reading, rhymes, and music.

Budget

Free

Mixes

- Music Mix Box 1 - Story Time Essentials

Learning outcomes

Early literacy with a focus on music

Advance Planning

A few weeks in advance for planning. Only one staff member (me) does this program and I prepped by finding my music-themed book, instruments, flannel board, etc.

Marketing

General newsletter, word of mouth, in house flyers.

Day-of-Event Activity

Just me setting up, no unexpected challenges or special setup the day of the event.

Theme: Music	
Opening Songs	"Hello Friends" - with ASL
Daily Report	We are in the month of <u>October</u> . The weather today is <u>raining</u> .
Recognition Rhyme	What's in the blue box, blue box, blue box. What's in the blue box? I don't know...Let's find out! <i>Items in the box today is the letter "M" and music notes!</i>
Book #1	Plinka, plinka, shake shake By Emma Garcia • Brought out different instruments to go along with the book. We would pause after each page to let each child play with the instrument mentioned.
Fingerplays (2)	"Open Shut Them" "This is big"
Ukulele	ABCs
Flannel Board	Pete the cat and his 4 groovy buttons. Played audio version of the song on YouTube while doing the felt pieces to this song. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BxFBwbfZGyU
Song & Percussion Instruments	"Alabama, Mississippi" By Jim Gill with percussion instruments: shaker eggs, triangle, bells, castanets, chimes, claves, maracas, sand blocks, and woodblocks

Closing Songs	"If You're Happy and You Know It" & "Goodbye Friends" (with ASL)
Reflection	Kids enjoyed trying different percussion instruments. One of my favorite storytime themes!

Program Execution

Program went well, the kids were engaged in the activities and I achieved my goal for this specific storytime.

Program Outcomes and Evaluation

No, did not do additional work because it's part of an ongoing storytime series that has different weekly themes.

Advice

We already owned percussion instruments, but I would recommend purchasing some for your library if you don't own them. They go great with shakers!