Fun Activities Using Music with Technology

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Introduction

- Project Goals
- How the Project began
- Description of Project
- Additional Ideas
- Conclusion

Project Goals

Students with Special Needs are able to:

- Choose what song to share
- Learn about group or performer
- Learn how to tolerate/appreciate
- Use technology
- Develop presentation skills (Language)
- Interact with other students
- Participate
- Get parents involved

Getting Started

- Explain Purpose of Music to Students Before Pandemic
- Choose Songs and Song Leaders
 - Provide Suggestions
 - Help from Home, Staff and Self
- Use Computer
 - Find Song and Lyrics

Music as part of classes

- Music class before closing for Pandemic
- Music not part of homework packets
- Zoom classes during pandemic without music
- Zoom classes during pandemic with music
- In person classes again with music

Survey

- Have you been listening to music during the pandemic?
- What type of music have you been listening to?
- How does the music make you feel?
- What is the name of your favorite song?
- Do you want to have music class using Zoom?

Results of Survey

- Students enjoy listening to music
- Students find it relaxing and calming
- Students have range of tastes in music
- Students wanted to resume music classes

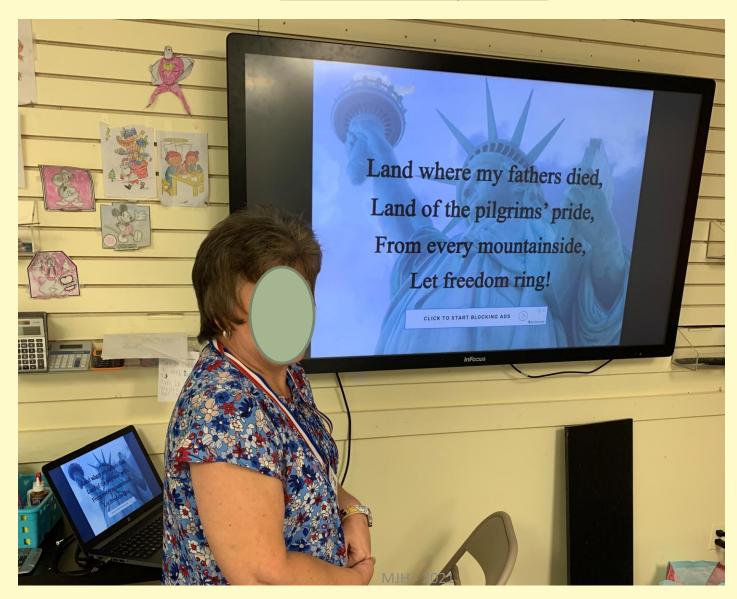
Types of Songs/Genre Chosen by Students

- Country
- Pop Rock
- Gospel
- Musical
- Christian Rock
- Patriotic
- Folk
- Disney
- Hard Rock

Song Leader Questions

- Name of your song?
- Why you chose the song?
- Who sings the song?
- Who wrote the song?
- What instruments do you hear or see in this song?
- When was your song written?
- Why did other members in class like the song?

Student Song Videos projected to Smart Board from Computer



Read/Sing Lyrics on Smart Board

Keep You Eye on



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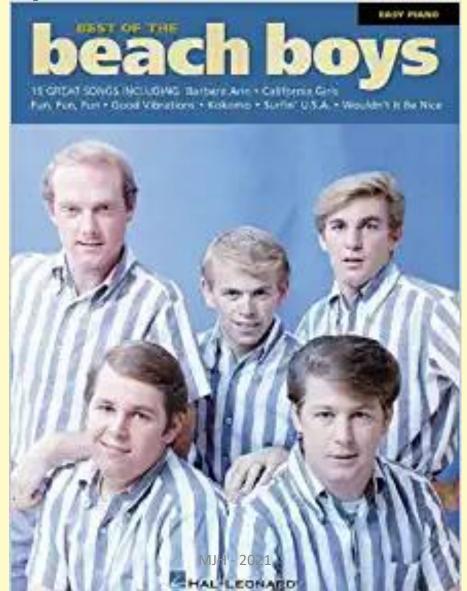
Large Easy to Read Lyrics

The Home Of The Free And The Brave

Song Chosen by Student with low Verbal Skills

Title: <u>California Girls</u> Writer, Singer: <u>Brian Wilson</u> Release: <u>1965</u> Genre: <u>Pop</u> Instruments: <u>Guitar, Piano, Drums</u>

Most Music Videos are available with Lyrics on the Internet



Little Step-by-Step by AbleNet



Song Leader using Step-by-Step

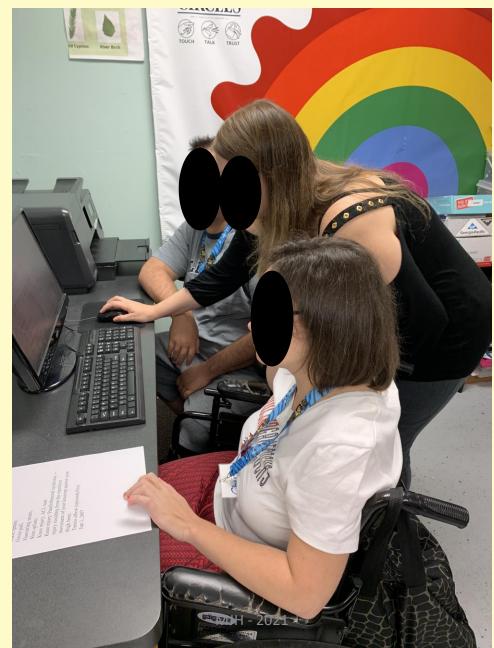
- We recorded answers to questions for student with low verbal skills using the Step-by-Step.
- Activate the colored top to play the first message. When done, activate the top again to play another message.

Technology Skills to gather Information

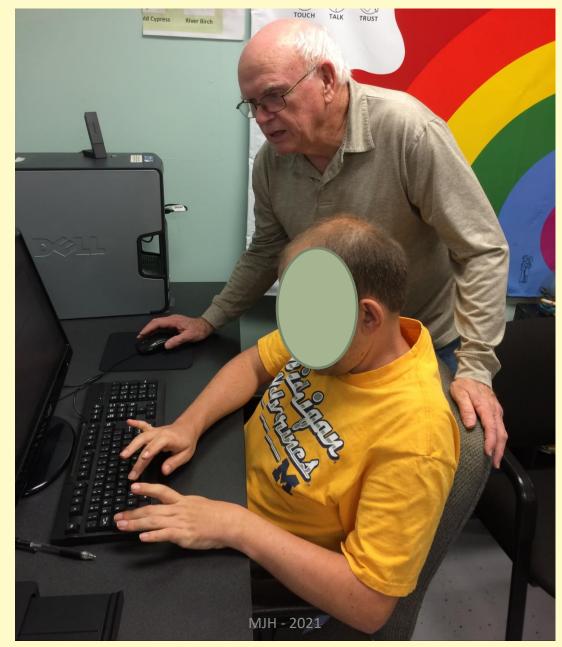
- Searched for Song Titles and Performer
 Information using Computers

 Employing Assistive Devices (Adapted Keyboard)
- Students Texted Information to Teacher using Cell Phones.

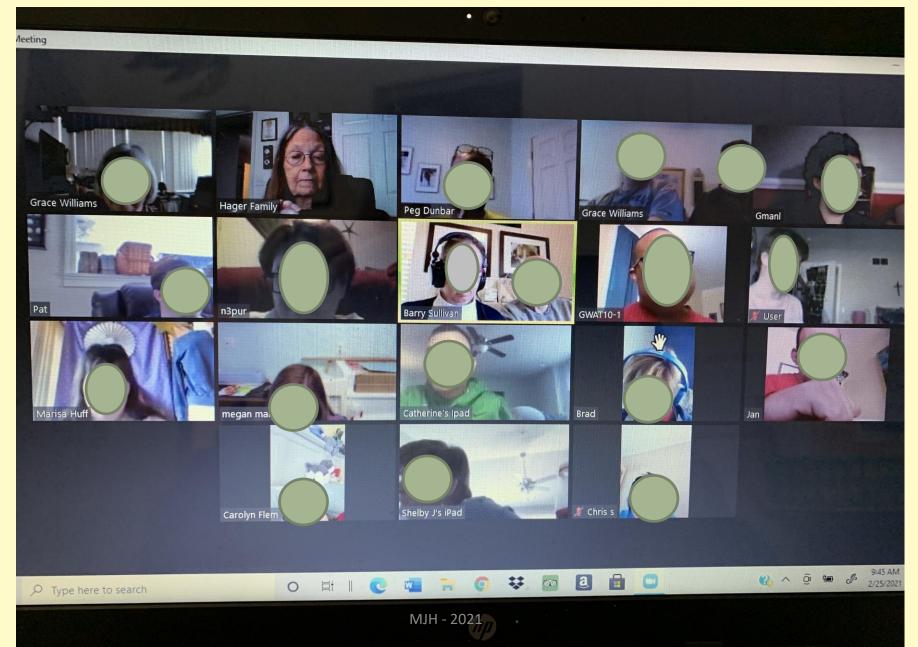
Student Collaboration



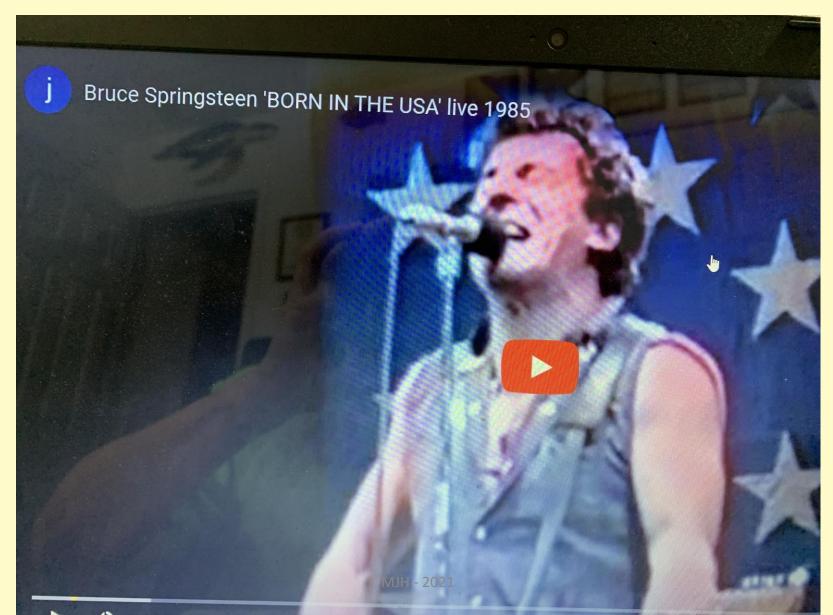
Assisting Student with Song Choice/Search



Transition to Music Class using Zoom



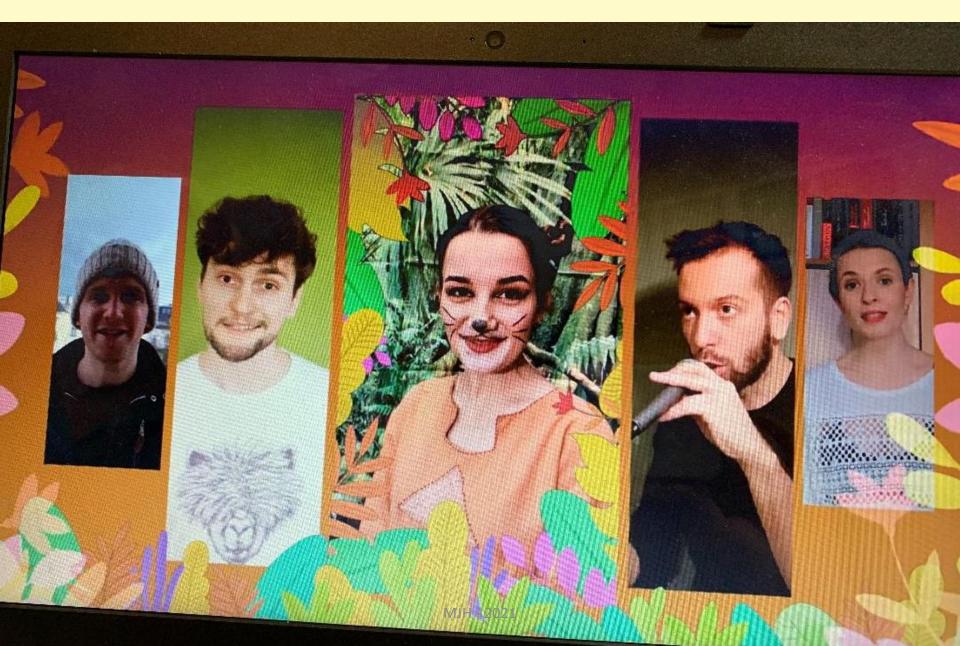
Music Videos via Share Screen on Zoom



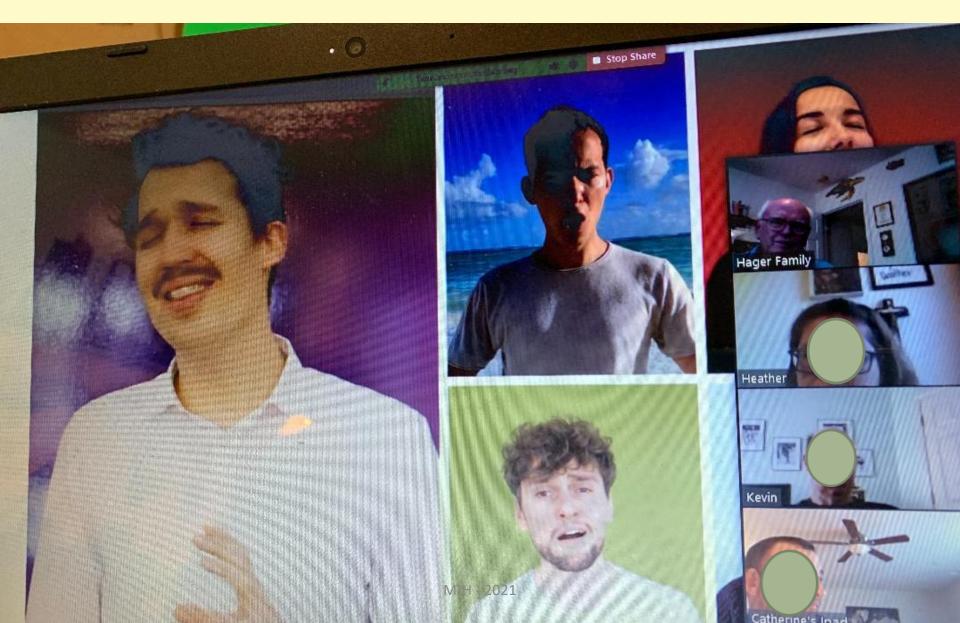
Return to in Person & Zoom Class



Ultimate Disney Medley (found on YouTube)



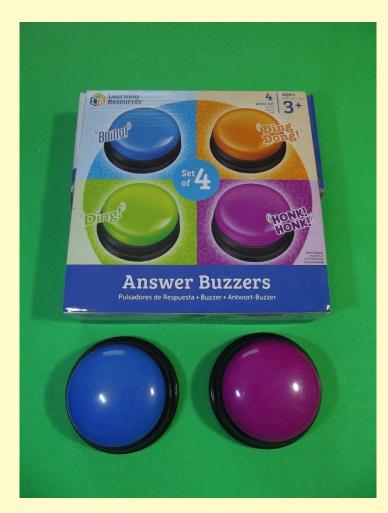
Ultimate Disney Medley shown Simultaneously in Class on Smart Board and via Zoom (Shared Screen)



Other Ideas using Music with Technology

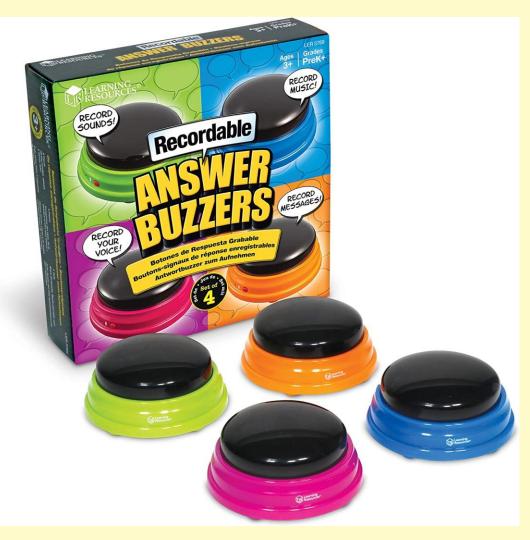
- Name that Song/Music Challenge
- Dancing
- Sign Language
- Wii Sing It game
- iPod

Music Challenge Answer Buzzers with Different Sounds



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Recordable Switch Buzzers



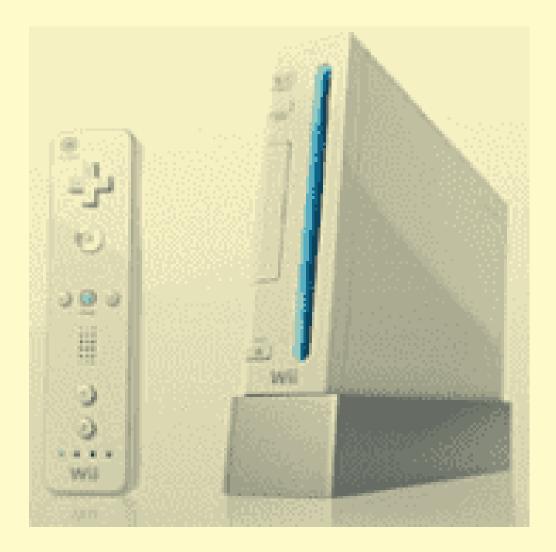
In Class Dancing to Salsa Music using Cell Phone



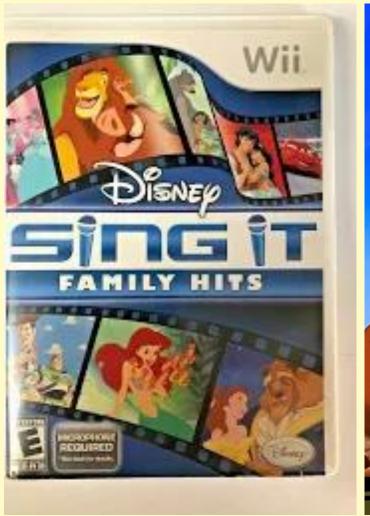
Learning Sign Language through Songs via Zoom



Wii Console and Remote



Wii Sing It Game

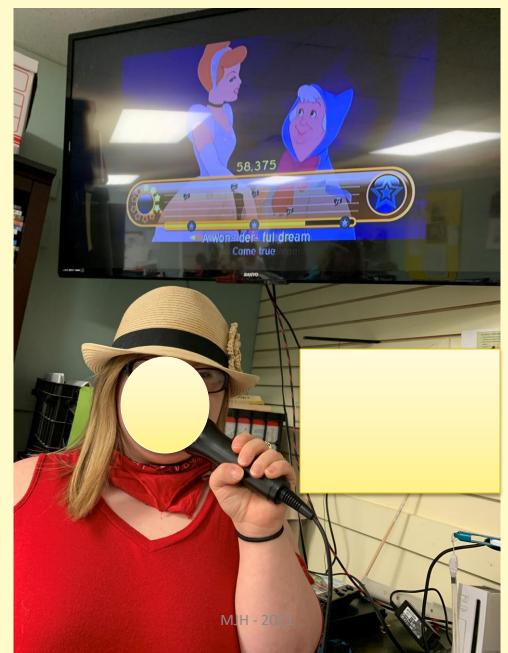




Microphone for Sing It with Wii



Music Sing-along with Wii



Disney Sing It Information

- Sing along to 30 songs and music videos from classic and contemporary Disney favorites
- Easy to follow karaoke gameplay with full screen videos from original Disney movies
- Play with up to 8 players in family fun mode where everyone can sing along together or pass the microphone
- Sing It Encore mode enables players to play back their performances and add fun voice effects

iPod



iPod

a portable electronic device for playing and storing digital audio and video files.

Students using iPod

- Able to download songs
- Use before class and during break time for calming/relaxing.

To Put Music on an iPod

- "Wiki How" found on the internet
- "How to Put Music on an iPod "

Adding Simple Instruments & Caroling



Skills Employed and Enhanced

- Fine Motor
- Organization
- Decision Making
- Collaboration
- Language, Verbal, Reading
- Leadership (Being in Front of Class)
- Tolerance to Classmate Songs
- Technology

Conclusions

Students were able to:

- Choose songs to share
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Thank You

• Questions?