MAKE LEARNING EASY THROUGH MUSIC

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In the 19th century, American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow called music “the universal language of mankind.” He had no idea how right he was – a recent study concluded that music can have a similar effect on people from completely different cultures. Music becomes a powerful teaching tool that children respond to instantly. Research shows that music exposure in the early years has lifelong effects on a child. In the preschool stage, music helps children strengthen neural pathways, enhance literacy and build life skills that they will carry into adulthood.

Music is an amazing tool for teaching languages, especially to children. Good songs will bounce around in a learner’s head long after their lesson is over. Young learners pick up vocabulary, grammatical structures, and the rhythm of the language simply by doing what they already love to do…singing.

Music helps a lot to set a good atmosphere inside the classroom. Here are some ways you can use music in your classroom.

1. Play music in the background from the start of the lesson

   Just as you take care to make your learning environment visually appealing and stimulating, you should also note the effect that music has on the atmosphere in the classroom.

2. Play music to signal transitions to the students
Children react to music in a way that they don’t react to anything else. When a song comes on that they recognize and like, they’ll notice right away.

3. Play music to signal transitions to the teacher

Plan your classes so that music accompanies the whole class. Use an iPod, or other MP3 device, to make playlists so that you don’t need to change CDs during class.

4. Play music to manage the energy level of the class

You never know for sure what kind of energy level young children are going to come to class with. One day, you have a class full of children bouncing off the walls with energy (often on rainy days when they can’t go outside to play), the next day, the same kids seem like they are moving in slow motion. Music really helps to calm down a rowdy class, or give a lethargic class a needed boost of energy.

5. Play music to introduce new language

Songs are a great way to teach new language to youngsters. Even when children don’t fully understand all the lyrics, they are excited to try to sing along. This can be a great way as well to make slow readers improve their manner of reading by giving them songs with basic sight words lyrics.

In my case, music became my strategy to make my pupils understand the generalization better.

Simple yet very effective not just in Music subject, but in any other subjects as well. It’s a must try!
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