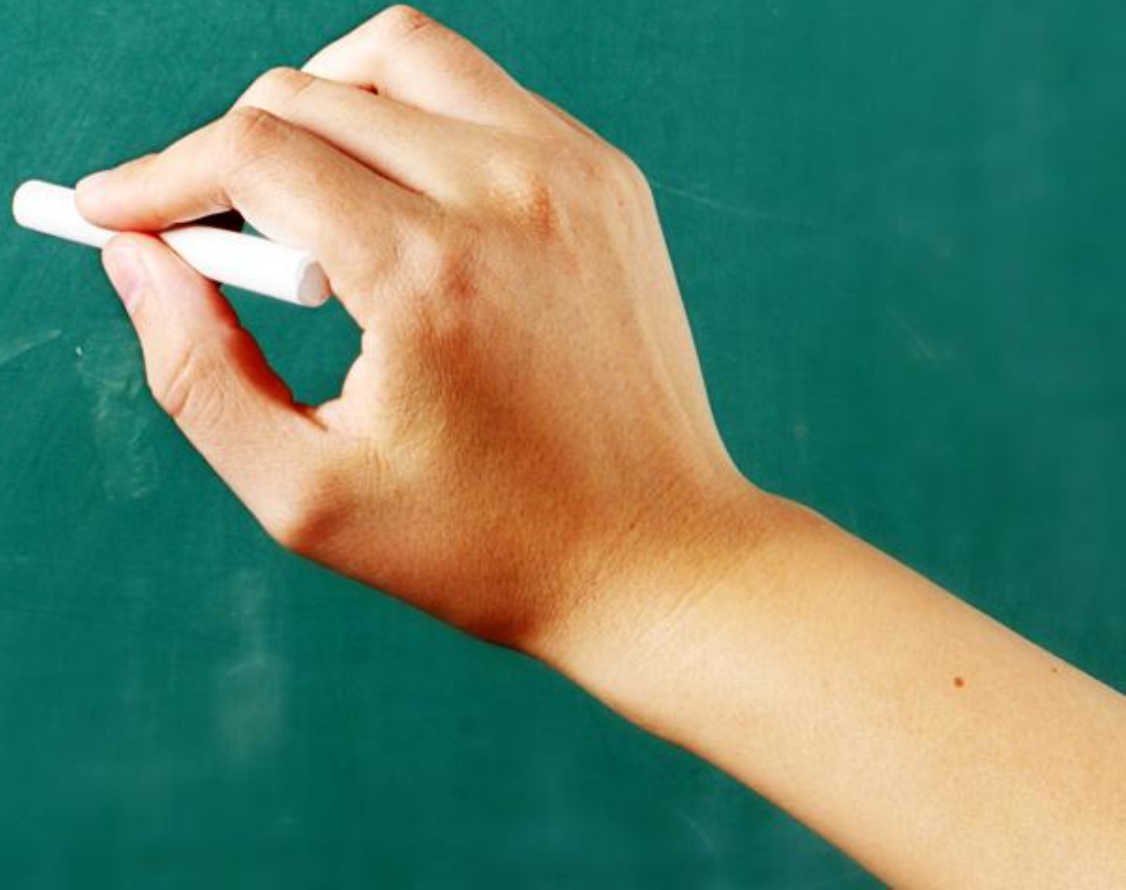


Bridging the gap: How music can help with reading development in the classroom.

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Kids need happiness lessons?



Music Instruction and Reading scores Linked

Brady, 1991; Stone & Brady, 1995; Cornwall, 1992; Ackerman & Dykman, 1993.



Music helps build listening skills

Mayesky, 1986; “Learning to Listen is a prerequisite to listening to learn”
Smith, 1992; Swanson 1996; Newton, 1990; Hyslop & Tone, 1998.



Music can build vocabulary

Miller & Coen, 1994; Page, 1995; Smith, 2000; Wiggins, 2007.

That awkward moment
when you're singing a
song you used to sing
a lot as a kid...
AND you suddenly
understand the lyrics.



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Music improves phonological and phonemic awareness

Bradley & Bryant, 1985; Ericson & Juliebo, 1998; Anvari et al, 2002; Gaab et al, 2005; Gromko, 2005.



How we teach

I hate it when I'm singing along to a song and the artist gets the words wrong.



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