EDUC 371: Teaching Music in the Elementary School

Music Resource Sharing: Start & End of Day Music; Transition & Seat work Music)

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Category (Transition music; Seat work music)

**Title: Songs for teaching: Using music to promote learning (The Quietest Line)**

Citation: <http://www.songsforteaching.com/transitions/thequietestline.php>

Comments: This song helps students practice their numbers while getting into the “quietest line”. It would be short and easy to learn even for young children.

P.S.- This website has lots of additional transition songs/resources!

**Title: Mrs. Vasicek’s Classroom Music Playlist**

Citation: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/classroom_solutions/2011/01/mr-vasiceks-classroom-music-playlist>

Comments: I like the Hooked on Classics CD’s. I also like Radio Mozart. <http://www.radiomozart.net/Pages/default.aspx>

**Title: Preschool Express (Follow the teacher to circle time/carpet time)**

Citation: <http://www.preschoolexpress.com/music_station02/music_station_2_nov02.shtml>

Comments: It’s a good song because it can be modified for different reasons.

**Title: Peanuts Theme Song (Clean up)**

Citation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=FKkaydihNTM>

Comments: When the students start to hear the Peanuts song, students start to clean up and put things back where they belong. When the song is over, things should be back in their plae and in their seats.

**Title: Chopin “Nocturne Op. 9No.2”**

Citation: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EvxS_bJ0yOU>

Comments: I really like this solo piano piece for seat work because it’s very calm throughout. I think that is important when looking for music to play while students are to be completing their work. If the music rises and falls a lot it could be very distracting. There are also 21 short pieces that comprise the “Nocturne”, so there are a lot of choices that could be played for just a short period of time or the teacher could play piece after piece for a longer stretch of time.