

DOTS and NOTES

Step 5 adds a Dots in a Row game which places the children's hands in a horizontal position - like a piano keyboard. Do let the children use their little laminated hand set. We want them to really pay attention to finger patterns.

Keep doing Tap Tap games or other dot games as well. It is always fun to do something "easy"! - gives the children confidence.

We are also adding the quarter note and the half note flashcards. These flashcards are the first of many. When you say "walk, walk, walk, etc." do sway or move with your body so the children do the same motion. This really helps them get the feeling for the rhythm.

And, (you will probably get tired of my repeating this!) keep singing those songs with words and colors. We need them internalized - like everything else:)

Daily Activities for Step 5

1. Remember....each child minimum 5 minutes each day on the app. Mark Practice Chart for each.

2. **SING AND MOVE.....** Tick Tock
TAP proper Rain Rain Go Away
finger colors Hot Cross Buns
while singing....

3. Introduce new Dots in a Row Game. Let the children use their laminated hand sets if needed. As with all the Dot Games, start out slowly, then gradually increase speed so actions become internalized.

4. Introduce Flashcards. In a couple days start asking the children questions like:
"What is this?"
"What is this called"
"What are we supposed to remember so we know what to call this?"
"How many beats does this get?"

5. Review as needed.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

As always, available videos are a good tool for use with the children. The Flashcard video for quarter and half notes is a really good one due to the visual coupled with audio.

Singing with the videos is also suggested as well for that visual coupled with audio.

As usual there is a "Step Five" Playlist on youtube.com as well as a "Step 5 TTips" Playlist.