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Grades K - 5

Elementary General Music

CCLS - Reading for Information - Critical listening

Music specific vocabulary

Folk songs

Sing and play with others

Reading for Literature - Music specific vocabulary

Cultural Connections

Reading Foundational Skills - Read music notation

Rhythm, note reading

Music reading, practice for fluency

Koala Band -

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/koala-band-play.../id597380332?>

The best music app ever! Developed by the same programmers that created Pluto Piano. The music island is chock full of mini music games. Plenty of opportunities to make music come alive - similar to swimming with the penguin in Pluto Piano - but you might be flying a plane or steering a submarine. The developers definitely made the songs more challenging by changing the bubble placements Practice makes perfect ! Other games on the island include Match, Pizza, Lickity Split, Guess the Instrument etc. One/two player options available. Every game has excellent music content and are so much fun to play. Coins are earned and you can go shopping...Deck out your koala w/accessories, buy instruments, decorate your room, etc. A wifi connection enables safe play with other koalas. You can even start your own band! Get your students hooked on Koala Band .

What a great way to introduce or build upon music note reading skills! After playing this app, classroom discussion of treble clef lines/spaces is a must. Makes so much more sense to the children after they have seen the staff in the ocean. We even sing the letter names as we play

sometimes. I am fortunate to have 6 electric piano keyboards in my classroom. The carryover from app to piano is super. Students have transferred the notes to staff paper to bring home and practice. How awesome is that !

This app was a godsend with my autistic students. Non vocal kids singing along with the penguin. Contacted the developer, became email buddies. He called from California and I test flighted a special ed version. Opened a great discussion in class for giving feedback - positive or negative - on online app purchases.