

Noteable News

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SAD MUSIC JOKE

Q: Why was the clarinetist staring at the orange juice bottle?

A: Because the label said concentrate.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music'

Albert Einstein

RECOMMENDED

Piano Teacher's Resource Kit

Music's Fascinating Fun Facts

Five Minutes to Music History

Theory Gymnastics

Meet the Great Jazz Composers

Hi All,

Happy New Year. Hopefully you have all had such an excellent holiday that you can't wait to get back into the classroom. Here are a couple of ideas currently around to get your year off to a good start.

The Two Word Project. This is all over Facebook at the moment.

Choose 2 words to determine the main aims for your year. It may be 'skinny and fit' or 'family and promotion'. They can be goals or things to have as important focuses for this year. Then the idea is to put them everywhere so you see them and remember them.

The No Complaining Bracelet. The idea is you put a bracelet on and every time you complain about something you swap it to the other arm. The aim is that you leave it on the same arm for 21 days! (I barely lasted 21 min). It is a real eye opener!

TED

Creativity is really the buzzword for 21st century schools and TED is a wonderful source of videos and lectures by educators and all sorts of modern thinkers. Recommendations:

Sir Ken Robinson - Schools kill creativity

-Bring on the learning revolution

Ben Zander - Music and passion

Charles Hazlewood - Trusting the ensemble

Stefan Harris - There are no mistakes on the bandstand

Charles Limb - Building the musical muscle

What's New

Good Stuff for Junior High - 1 and 2

The best of the best from our Good Stuff subscription series over the past four years has been collected up and put in these 2 books.

These essential books have activities, information, fact sheets, composition activities, suggestions and pretty much everything you need for the junior high school music classroom.

