

HALLOWEEN PIANO PARTY IDEAS & ACTIVITIES

Go **HERE** to view the webinar about these ideas and others from teachers around the world! Once there, scroll down to the Curriculum area. View **FREE** for a limited time. Enjoy!

BACKGROUND MUSIC:

<https://www.brownielocks.com/HalloweenSingAlongs.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtGTot98UAo>

EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES:

1. Sing Halloween Songs – there are songs for young ones set to folk tunes on the MTH newsletter.

- Students play songs while other kids sing lyrics to it. Print lyrics and post on screen or PDF. (See below for samples.)
- Students play a piece and also recite a poem (see below for sample poems)
- Students play a piece and also recite a music riddle or general riddle . Person who answers correctly earns a ticket (prize).

2. Play Musical Games

Rhythm Face-Off - Take a rhythm card from the cauldron (purchase a plastic one at any craft or party store); clap the rhythm selected for a point for your team, then a team member has to write it for an add'l 5 points (w/ timer). Other team receives the 5 points if written incorrectly. (NOTE: 2 measures is a good length for a rhythm. Be sure each "team" has students of varied abilities.)

MUSIC or HALLOWEEN BINGO – use candy corn for tokens; win small bags w/ Halloween Kettle Corn or candy/prizes. Susan Paradis' MUSIC BINGO is great, quick game that ALL ages can play. - <https://susanparadis.com/music-is-fun-the-easiest-music-bingo-game/>

3. Resources:

<https://seasonal.theteacherscorner.net/halloween/>

This site has: songs to sing (based on Christmas carols); poetry to read about bats; games to play; worksheets you can create with your content

<https://www.brownielocks.com/monstermash.html>

More Halloween songs are here. This particular song could be performed by all in attendance with movements choreographed by the teacher.

A HALLOWEEN STORY (a student could recite)

Down the Rabbit-Hole

Down, down, down. There was nothing else to do, so Alice soon began talking again. Dinah'll miss me very much to-night, I should think!' (Dinah was the cat.) 'I hope they'll remember her saucer of milk at tea-time. Dinah my dear! I wish you were down here with me! There are no mice in the air, I'm afraid, but you might catch a bat, and that's very like a mouse, you know. But do cats eat bats, I wonder?' And here Alice began to get rather sleepy, and went on saying to herself, in a dreamy sort of way, 'Do cats eat bats? Do cats eat bats?' and sometimes, 'Do bats eat cats?' for, you see, as she couldn't answer either question, it didn't much matter which way she put it. She felt that she was dozing off, and had just begun to dream that she was walking hand in hand with Dinah, and saying to her very earnestly, 'Now, Dinah, tell me the truth: did you ever eat a bat?' when suddenly, thump! thump! down she came upon a heap of sticks and dry leaves, and the fall was over.

HALLOWEEN Poems (for students to recite):

Bats are cute and never scary

Bats are cute and never scary
Bats are very sanitary
Bats in dismal caves keep cozy
Bats remind us of Lugosi
Bats have webby wings that fold up
Bats from ceilings hang down rolled up
Bats when flying undismayed are
Bats are careful
Bats use radar
Bats at night time at their best are
Bats by Batman unimpressed are.

[Adapted from Frank Jacobs, Random House Book of Poetry for Children]

MORE HALLOWEEN Poems (for students to recite):

I am a Bat

I am a bat,
no, not a cat,
I fly during the night,
Because i don't like the light,
I eat lots of fruit,
And wear a fur suit,
I hang upside-down,
And I don't wear a frown,
Because being a bat,
Is surely all that.

I am a Bat (fill in the blanks)

I am a _____,
no, not a cat,
I fly during the night,
Because i don't like the light,
I eat lots of fruit,
And wear a fur suit,
I hang upside-down,
And I don't wear a frown,
Because being a _____,
Is surely all that.

A Batty Poem

A little black bat flew into the room,
I heard a loud sound, and it was a ZOOM!

Her mother was a mammal who nursed her young,
They hang upside down by their feet not their tongue.

Nocturnal time they sleep all day,
Because they are sleeping with no time for play,

Eating bugs in flight all through the night,
Their echolocation shining bright.

Some bats are huge and some are small,
Some have ugly noses, and some have none at all.

Big ears and small eyes, and they're little sized,
They follow the insects with ears not their eyes.

Huge eyes and big sized to juicy fruit they eat,
They eat till they're full, then hang by their feet.

In the winter they hibernate just like a bear,
So if you should see one, let him sleep,
Leave him there!

HALLOWEEN Songs

A Little Baby Ghost

(lyrics sung to: The Eensy, Weensy Spider)

A little baby ghost went out one Halloween

Along came a witch that the ghost had never seen

But, mommy ghost came flying to see what made him cry...

And the witch that scared her baby went flying off so high!

Ghosts and Goblins

(lyrics sung to: Frere Jacques)

Ghosts and goblins, Ghosts and goblins

Witches too, Witches too,

All out trick-or-treating, All out trick-or-treating,

Can't scare you! Can't scare you!

DECK THE PATCH

(lyrics sung to: Deck the Halls)

Deck the patch with orange & black fa la etc .

Take along a goody sack, Fa la etc.

Don we now our gay apparel, Fa la etc.

Toll the ancient Pumpkin carol, Fa la etc.

See the Great One rise before us, Fa la etc.

As we sing the Pumpkin chorus, Fa la etc.

Follow him as he ascends, Fa la etc.

Join with True Great Pumpkin friends. Fa La etc.

PUMPKIN BELLS
(lyrics sung to: Jingle Bells)

Dashing thru the streets
In our costumes bright and gay
To each house we go
Laughing all the way
Halloween is here
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to trick-or-treat and sing pumpkin carols tonight,
O pumpkins bells, pumpkin bells,
Ringing loud and clear
O what fun Great Pumpkin brings
When Halloween is here.

PUMPKIN, PUMPKIN Song
(lyrics sung to: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; see LYRIC PAGE just below to hand out to students)

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground
How'd you get so big and round
Planted as a seed so small
Now you are a great big ball
Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground
How'd you get so big and round



Pumpkin, Pumpkin Song

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round

Planted as a seed so small

Now you are a great big ball

Pumpkin, pumpkin on the ground

How'd you get so big and round

HALLOWEEN MUSIC RIDDLES

What do the birds sing on Halloween? Twick or Tweet

Why are black cats such good singers? They're very mewsical.

What kind of songs do ghosts like? Haunting melodies

What's a mummy's favorite kind of music? Wrap and Roll

What's a ghost's favorite music? Rhythm and Boos

Why can't skeletons play music in church? Because they have no organs

What do ghosts and music have in common? They both have sheets.

What's a ghost's favorite jazz band? The Boos Brothers

What does a monster opera singer sing to warm-up his voice? Drac- u – la – la – la - la

What instrument do skeletons play: Trom-BONE

Where does a ghost go on Saturday night? Anywhere where he can BOOGIE.

What song does Dracula hate? Oh, What a Beautiful Morning or You are My Sunshine

What do ghosts and music have in common? They both have SHEETS!

What type of monster really loves dance music? The BOO-gieman!

HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

What do witches put on their hair? SCARE SPRAY

What kinds of mistakes do ghosts make? BOO-BOOS

Why was the mummy so tense? HE WAS ALL WOUND UP.

What's a monster's favorite play? ROMEO AND GHOU LIET

What do skelton's say before they begin dining? BONE APETIT!

What's the first thing ghost's do when they get in the car? BOO-KLE THEIR SEAT BELTS.

What do you call a skeleton who won't work? LAZY BONES

What do you call a friendly dead Egyptian? A CHUMMY MUMMY

What do monsters always order at McDonald's? FRENCH FRIGHTS and HAM-BOO-GERS

How does a witch tell time? WITH HER WITCH WATCH

What do baby ghosts wear on their feet? BOO-Ties

What's a ghost's favorite ride at the carnival? THE ROLLER "GHOSTER"

What's a ghost's favorite dessert ? I SCREAM!

HALLOWEEN JOKE

A tourist in Vienna is going through a graveyard and all of a sudden he hears some music. No one is around, so he starts searching for the source. He finally locates the origin and finds it is coming from a grave with a headstone that reads: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827. Then he realizes that the music is the Ninth Symphony and it is being played backward! Puzzled, he leaves the graveyard and persuades a friend to return with him. By the time they arrive back at the grave, the music has changed. This time it is the Seventh Symphony, but like the previous piece, it is being played backward. Curious, the men agree to consult a music scholar. When they return with the expert, the Fifth Symphony is playing, again backward. The expert notices that the symphonies are being played in the reverse order in which they were composed, the 9th, then the 7th, then the 5th.

By the next day the word has spread and a throng has gathered around the grave. They are all listening to the Second Symphony being played backward.

Just then the graveyard's caretaker ambles up to the group. Someone in the crowd asks him if he has an explanation for the music.

"Oh, it's nothing to worry about" says the caretaker. "He's just _____!" (de-composing)

HALLOWEEN STATEMENT INSERTS for treat bags:

POPCORN: I just wanted to POP on by and say “Hi!”

PENCIL: You’ve got the WRITE stuff!

KIT KAT: For a purr-fect year!

CLOTHESPIN: A reminder to “hang in there!”

SNICKERS: For a year filled with lots of laughs!

PUZZLE PIECE: Without you, things wouldn’t be complete!

GOOGLY EYES: To give you an extra pair of eyes!

POST IT NOTE: Your dedication is noteworthy!

ERASER: Reminder that everyone makes mistakes!

100 GRAND: Since you deserve extra pay!

RUBBER BAND: Remember to stay flexible!

GERM-X: For a healthy year!

MILKY WAY: I hope your year is out of this world!

SNOWFLAKE: When all else fails, pray for a snow day!

LOVE, ____ Teacher Name____

P.S.: I hope your teacher doesn’t play any TWIX on you!