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Japanese Song and Game

Level/Class

This lesson is designed for a standard second grade class during their weekly music hour. It can also be taught to classes that contain Lifeskills or MIP (behavior) students at the second grade level.

Objectives/Standards

Students will learn and be able to sing a simple Japanese song, including hand motions that are used in the game. This lesson may be used to partially satisfy the district music standard regarding exposure to the music of diverse world cultures.

Time

This lesson can be taught within one 60-minute weekly music class period with follow-ups in subsequent weeks.

Materials needed

Recording of “Se Se Se” song
CD Player
World map
Student textbooks
Handouts of Japanese characters
Crayons

Assessment

Students will be informally assessed based on their participation and singing of the song during class. Optional formal assessment on the Japanese characters may occur on the next unit exam.

Lesson Procedure

1. After standard musical greeting and roll call, I will ask if any students can locate Japan on the world map. I will point it out in relation to the location of the United States.
2. I will ask if any students can tell me anything they already know about Japan.
3. Students will distribute their “Share the Music” textbooks and read as I play the song “Se Se Se” for them on the CD player.
4. Students will learn to sing the song “Se Se Se,” which will be identified as a song Japanese children learn with a game.
5. I will teach them how to play the game Rock, Paper, Scissors while they sing the song “Se Se Se.”

6. Students will then be paired up to play the game with a classmate. Winners celebrate by waving their hands silently in the air and smiling. Losers give a slight bow to their opponent. Ties elicit no response. Try again the next game.
7. Following the song and game, I will distribute the handouts that contain the Japanese characters for rock, paper, and scissors. We will discuss the Japanese style of writing, and the students will be allowed to color and further illustrate the handouts.

Resources

Share the Music textbook series, grade 2, textbooks and recordings

http://www.netlaputa.ne.jp/~tokyo3/e/janken_e.html

http://www.saiga-jp.com/kanji_dictionary.html