

# 30 Ideas for Elementary choice boards

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*This is a guest post by one of our blog writers, Katherine Miller.*

Choice boards are not a new idea but they have become very popular as music teachers worldwide are trying to figure out how to best provide a music education in the virtual world.

They are a great option to provide lots of opportunities for students to continue to be the makers of music at home while providing some flexibility and understanding that not all students' homes look the same.

You can find out more information about using and setting up your own choice boards in our previous blog post [How to Use Choice Boards in the Music Classroom](#)

Here are 30 ideas for activities that could be included on a choice board for elementary music students to help them continue to learn and be active music makers at home.

## Use Choice Boards for Creating

1. Create sound effects to go with your favorite story
2. Use found sounds to create your own accompaniment to a song
3. Make an instrument from items at home
4. Design your own slogan with [Little Kids Rock](#)
5. Use [instruments from around the world](#) to create music or, even, [Boomwhackers](#)

## Use Choice Boards for Performing

6. Perform a song from class to someone new
7. Perform a song with different voices (sing, talk, whisper, etc.), tempos, or dynamics
8. Play rhythms along with play along videos with [Visual Musical Minds](#) on Youtube
9. Sing along with a [warm up](#) video on Youtube
10. Practice [correct breathing](#)

## Using Choice Boards for Writing

11. Write rhythm patterns to perform
12. Write a simple melody using known syllables



13. Write new lyrics to a song
14. Interview a grownup about their musical history
15. Read about musician and write about what you learned

## Using Choice Boards for Moving

16. Create your own ostinato using body percussion
17. Learn and play a jump roping song like [Teddy Bear](#)
18. Move to the steady beat of a song (jump, dance, march, clap, etc.)
19. Dance it out with [Go Noodle](#)
20. Use a scarf or towel to show the melodic contour as you listen to song

## Using Choice Boards for Listening

21. Evaluate a musical performance
22. Watch a musical
23. Listen to a song and draw a picture of how it makes you feel
24. Listen to a [podcast](#)
25. Learn about something new by watching an [informational video](#)

## Use Choice Boards for Technology

26. Explore [Chrome Music Lab](#), [Mario Sequencer](#), [Incredibox](#) or [Groove Pizza](#)
27. Create a [word search](#) with musical terms
28. Check out ThingLink to learn about the [elements of music](#) or [tour an orchestra](#)
29. Brush up on your [music reading skills](#)
30. Go on a [Fliphunt!](#)

This list is just the beginning!

What activities have you thought of that could be included on a choice board for elementary music students? We would love to keep this list growing with your ideas!



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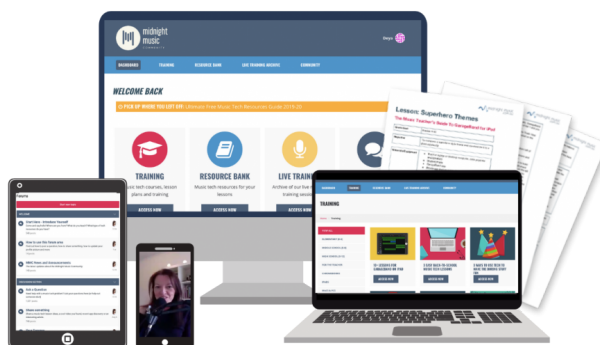
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I'm a qualified teacher but no, I don't currently teach in a school. I help teachers through my online professional development space - the [Midnight Music Community](#) - where there are tutorial videos, courses, links and downloadable resources.



I like to focus on **easy** ways to incorporate technology into *what you are already doing in your music curriculum* through a range of creative projects. I also run live workshops and have presented at countless conferences and other music education events.

If you want simple, effective ideas for using technology in music education, I would LOVE to help you inside the [Midnight Music Community](#).

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