

Music to Keep Them Motivated

After seeing how fun and familiar songs motivate my son to practice, I'm going to recommend these books yet again! You can check them out online at a site like sheetmusicplus.com. You can even peek inside them online.

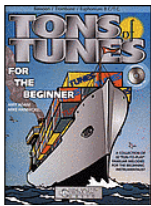
You can order these online put an order in to get it through the school via Ward-Brodt. However, I have starred the books that seem to take a while with Ward-Brodt- you may get them quicker if you order online.

It is always better to go too easy than too hard with these books– they should be an instant pleasure. I find the CD's that come with many of these of limited use. Unless the music is really easy, kids have a hard time staying with the CD.

There are many, many other good books besides these- follow your student's interests! Just remember, keep it rather easy for them, or they may be quickly discouraged. Let them peek at a few pages to see if the rhythms look too hard.

Easy

(Easy, simple rhythms, good for beginners. Fun and easy for intermediate students, too).



Tons of
Tunes *



Easy Disney
Favorites*



Patriotic
Favorites



Christmas
Favorites



Christmas Sounds
Spectacular*

Arr. Sweeney

Intermediate players

(harder key signatures, more complicated rhythms)



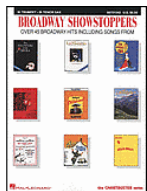
Movie
Favorites



High School Musical (2)



Various Disney Collections



Broadway
Showstoppers*



Christmas
Favorites



Wizard of Oz*

Another great motivational tool is **SmartMusic**. This computer software contains accompaniments to ALL the songs in our book, plus many other method books! All the notes come appear on the computer screen. Students can speed up or slow down the music, as well as record themselves, email the recordings, even burn a CD! It includes a built in tuner and metronome. All you need is a computer with speakers, a cheap \$10 microphone, and a \$30 subscription to SmartMusic. Check it out at:

smartmusic.com.