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Collaborating With Other Music Educators!

As elementary music teachers, I feel like we love to share activities with each other! It's in our happy nature to do so! For example, I have always loved checking out the GPOC site for different lesson plans and book reviews. We also love going to folk dancing sessions or GPOC sharing sessions. It's our happy place! So it comes as no surprise that I have especially leaned on my fellow music educators during this new season of teaching during a pandemic. We are all reinventing the wheel when it comes to teaching music! I don't want to go down the road of listing the things we can't do but let's just say we've definitely had to adjust the way we teach. We have lots of new things to do/think about and being able to share activities with each other, that are safe during a pandemic, is a life-saver!

During the last month and a half, I have been able to collaborate with many different teachers through group texting. It is amazing what ideas you can generate from each other or the quick fixes your group comes up with in a pinch! We've collaborated on anything from procedures and logistics to adjusting movement games to be socially distant. We've been a shoulder to lean on or a cheerleader for each other. Don't be afraid to reach out! We're all in this together!