



## April Helpful Hint

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April is typically the month our schedule can get shaken up with testing, field trips, and other special school-wide/grade-level events that take place. Often times we need to be done with any new curricular material by mid-April, as we know that May becomes even more mixed-up with all of these types of events. How/why do we “wrap up” our year a month before the school calendar ends?

Try a “year in review” day where students get to pick out favorite activities from the year. Maybe one day where they get to pick their favorites and you get to pick yours? Have music class outside for a day! Practice notation you’ve learned through the year with sidewalk chalk! Then it is time to start digging out the “survival” lessons! I like to do a lot of folk dancing in the spring when we can go outside or combine with another class in the gym. It’s also the time of year I teach lessons like the “cup game” and have students suggest popular songs. We discuss different tempos and styles of music. Hopefully this helps you survive the start to the end of the year!

