

This School Year

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Level:

All (adapt as necessary)

Objectives:

Rhythm, speech, composition

Needs:

Speech Piece (above)
Non-pitched percussion instruments
(optional)

Lyrics:

Summer now is done.
Can't believe I'm here.
Gonna have a lot of fun,
This school year!

A SECTION

- Demonstrate body percussion ostinato (pat, clap, snap, clap)
 - Students join
- Teacher speaks text while students perform body percussion
 - Students join in on text when comfortable
- Students perform ostinato and speak text

B, C, D, E SECTIONS

- Students work in groups to create a 4-word, word chain about things they are excited about this school year.
 - Examples:
Lunch, Recess, Music, PE
Math, Recess, Teacher, Reading
- Students create body percussion to the rhythm of their word-chain text
- Practice body percussion + word chain

PERFORMANCE

- Create a Rondo (ABACADAEA, etc) where each group gets a turn to share their composition