

Hello!

My name is Yeji Kloosterman. I am a music teacher candidate with 5 years teaching experience, 3 of those years were international.

According to Dr. Gordon's Music Learning Theory, we are all born with an aptitude of music just like we are all born with an aptitude of language. We must nurture this aptitude of music from an early age towards independent musicianship for children to incorporate the true value of music throughout their lives. I wish to develop students with not only intellectual academics, but as well as independent musicians who can appreciate the aesthetics of music and enjoy music in their own ways.

Orff, Dalcroze, and Kodaly is where my teaching pedagogy is centered. My approach is to support the students in experiencing music first before they are introduced to a musical concept. Experiencing music through listening, singing, moving, playing helps the students understand the concept in more depth. I like to do a lot of composing, improvising, and expressing music in an individual to group setting. For example, one of the inquiry-driven teaching I do with my elementary students is the use of Dalcroze movements. When teaching the musical form of ABA, the students will experience the form ABA with their body movements first by following after me. If the music is loud and fast, I would march with my feet while my hands are waving high. If the music is soft and connected, my movements would be smooth, and my hands would be like a flowing water. After having the students imitate my movement, I would have the students create their own movements in groups of 3-4. The students would have the freedom to express the music with their own body, collaborate with each other on how to create their own movements that corresponds to the form of ABA. Then, the groups would perform for each other. Activities such as this will help students explore their body movements while listening to the music and learn the concept of musical forms. If you visit my website at <http://yejiyoon.weebly.com/>, you can find a performance video of my first graders performing their own movements created to the music of Carmina Burana by Orff under the "Elementary Music Performances" section.

Technology is a great tool that is utilized in my teaching. The students of this generation are considered technological learners that learn best with interactive teaching. It is up to me as a teacher to select the right "technology tool" that will enhance the learning of the students. As a young teacher, my competency with technology is very up-to-date. I am especially strong in MuseScore, Finale, and Moodle.

As I hope to work at a school that values education of students as well as teachers, I am a growing professional who is always looking for possible ways to further my competency as a teacher. I have collaborated with music teams, staff members, and with administrators in various events such as concerts, extra-curricular activities, and meetings to yield better results than by myself. I also bring strong musical knowledge and technical competencies for the better learning of the students at your school.

Please review my website at <http://yejiyoon.weebly.com/>.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to reading from you.