

Playing with Percussion

Cultural Enrichment for Grades K-5

Fundamentals with an emphasis on fun!

Students take a journey around the world to learn about the origin, rhythms, and history of percussion instruments. *Playing with Percussion* provides your students with fascinating and in-depth learning experiences in a 15-lesson exploration into the world of percussion!

Course Kit activities instruct students how to create five different “found object” instruments that are theirs to keep. Students understand history and music instruction in a truly hands-on fashion.

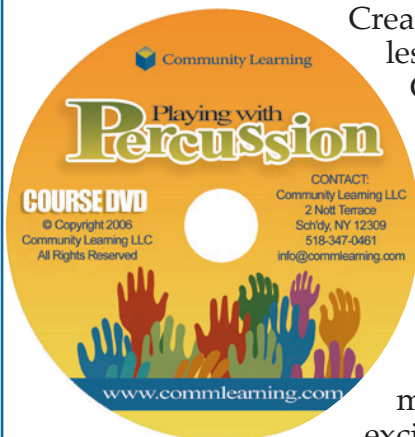
Students begin by launching an investigation into the two families of percussion instruments and the elements of percussion sound. Next, students take off on a tour of rhythms around the world by studying the origin of instruments and the cultures from which they emerged. Young musicians develop skills and techniques necessary to play their handmade instruments, including such popular methods as the call and respond rhythm.

Students are also encouraged to explain the cultural story of an instrument that reflects their own heritage. To further enhance the learning experience, students demonstrate their newly acquired percussion techniques by performing in an ensemble. The performance ends with a “meet and greet” session where parents and friends can celebrate each student’s new sound!

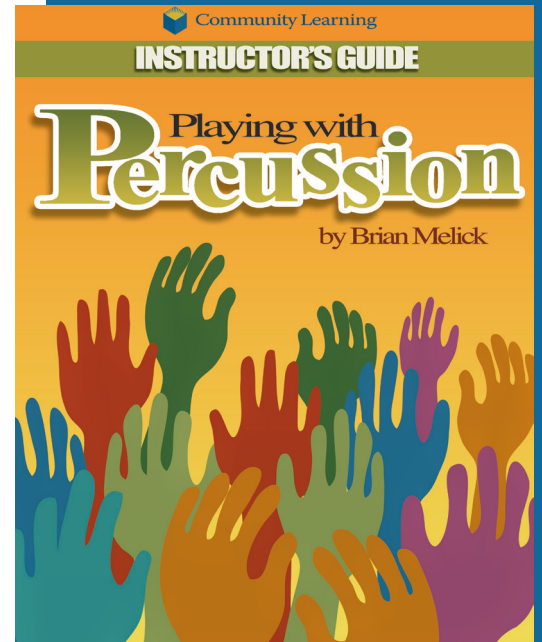
An Instructor’s Guide highlights each lesson, detailing examples of instrument construction, playing techniques, and a rich vocabulary list complete with pronunciations.

You won’t need to purchase additional materials. All of the *Playing with Percussion’s* materials come conveniently packed in our Course Kit, complete with Instructor Guides, student materials, and a demonstration DVD.

Anyone Can Teach *Playing with Percussion*



Created for the non-specialist instructor, lessons in the *Playing with Percussion* Course Kit are easy to plan, understand, and deliver. The Guide provides step-by-step directions including background information, materials lists, demonstration details, and a list of exciting Web sites and links instructors can use to extend and enhance their lessons. Anyone motivated to engage students in this exciting program can teach *Playing with Percussion*.

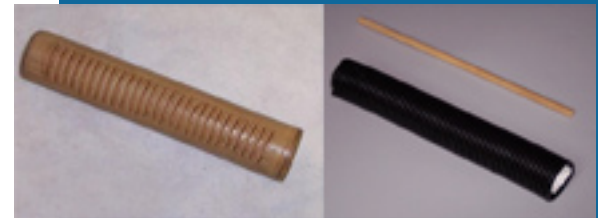


Playing with Percussion encourages students to:

- Explore percussion fundamentals
- Utilize found objects as instruments
- Develop rhythm playing skills
- Work collaboratively
- Participate in a percussion ensemble

At the end of the course, instructors may opt to invite other students and parents to a percussion ensemble. Students will be proud to display their artistic constructions and share the unique vocabulary and stories of their instruments.

Featured Instruments



Reco-reco



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Our Course Kits Include Everything You Need!



Instructors find plenty of help in the Playing with Percussion Course Kit, including a straightforward Instructor's Guide, fun and enriching Student Activity Books, and handy Course Kit Materials, all conveniently packaged in well-marked lesson packs—and clearly itemized for quick pre-lesson set-up. There are enough materials in every course kit to supply a class of twenty students!

Packed in easy-to-manage suitcase boxes, these convenient carryalls are lightweight and easy to store.

Course Kit Includes:

- 2 Instructor's Guides – Covering 15 Units
- 20 Student Activity Books
- Instructional DVD
- Training Tips
- Student Recruitment Materials
- Supplies for 20 Students
- Product Number: PWP600, \$1295
- Re-supply kit: PWP600RS, \$249
- Quantity discounts available.

For more information, please call

877-347-0461

or visit our Web site at

www.CommLearning.com

How It Works

This Course Kit leads instructors through a well-designed enrichment experience for their classes. The Instructor's Guide outlines set-up procedures, background information, daily materials lists, and a pacing plan for each activity. All supplies are provided in the Course Kit, so your instructors only need bring their energy and enthusiasm. Daily plans have already been created and assembled for immediate use!

Why It Works

Thematic integration is what makes Community Learning courses work—youngsters get extended engagement over several days or weeks that builds their confidence, their character, and their competency in a variety of subject areas. With an emphasis on fun, Community Learning courses work to ignite curiosity and stimulate authentic learning in contexts ranging from criminal investigation to art. Instructors provide guidance in every lesson and are supported by step-by-step plans and easy-to-manage materials.

Where It Works

No specialist knowledge is required to get these fun activities off the ground! Not only are Community Learning courses designed to enrich after-school programs, they're also ideal for museum groups, scout troops, home schooling, summer and vacation camps, church youth groups, and anywhere else young people are gathered!

About Community Learning

Community Learning provides academically rich programming for schools and community centers. Programs are provided through thematic Course Kits designed to support and assist program directors and staff. Our topics include new approaches to Art, Music, and Science, all designed to immerse children in fun learning, to gain practical hands-on experience, and to introduce exciting career possibilities!

