

Hoppy Egg Hunt

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May be used with the Orff Activity "Hoppy Bunnies" for the lower grades found on page 26 in the March/April 2003 issue.

Preparation:

1. Obtain enough small plastic eggs for every child in your class.
2. On little, individual strips of paper, write a 4-beat rhythm or a simple solfege pattern. (Feel free to make these examples more challenging and grade level appropriate.) Place one paper strip inside each egg.
3. Hide the eggs in the room.

The Hunt:

1. Have the children form a seated circle on the floor.
2. Explain they are to find ONE hidden egg and return to their circle seat.
3. Have them sing a spring song as they hunt for their eggs.
4. When all have returned, choose a child to be the Radar Rabbit. Give this student a carrot that will act as a pointer and ask him/her to stand in circle center.
5. Have the children perform the following "Bunny Chant" as the Radar Rabbit slowly turns with eyes closed.



Ra-dar Rab-bit, there you stand with a car-rot in your hand.



Spin a-round so care-ful-ly. I hope your car-rot stops on me!

At the conclusion of the chant, the Radar Rabbit stops and points his carrot to a child. This child then opens his/her egg, performs the rhythm/melody and takes over as the new Radar Rabbit.

Continue until all have participated, 'cause every bunny will love this activity!