



ARTHUR'S™

The Rhythm of the Street

Arthur's neighborhood is filled with sounds! Through choral reading, the joyful reggae beat of Arthur's theme song helps children learn the words and read them with expression.

Materials

- ARTHUR program (any)
- chart paper
- markers

Preparation

Copy the theme song (below) onto chart paper.

Teacher's Tip

If you plan to divide your class to read alternate parts, underline the lines for Group 1, Group 2, and "All Together" parts in different colors.



ARTHUR Programs

*Arthur's First Annual Almost Live
Not Real Music Festival* ☆
The Ballad of Buster Baxter ☆
Play It Again, D.W. ☆

Read All About It

Go In and Out the Window:
*An Illustrated Songbook for Young
People*, Dan Fox
How Sweet the Sound:
African American Songs for Children,
Wade Hudson and Cheryl Hudson
Max Found Two Sticks, Brian Pinkney
*Shake My Sillies Out: Raffi Songs
to Sing*, Raffi

Directions

- 1** Display the chart paper with the ARTHUR theme song. Do children already know the words and tune? Use a pointer as you read the song aloud. Encourage children to chime in. Discuss words that may be unfamiliar.
- 2** Read the song a second time, focusing on punctuation and expression. Guide children to read with fluency and feeling.
- 3** Recite or sing the song together, then develop movements to go with the lines. You may want to tape record the class version. Now listen to the song at the start of an ARTHUR program. Sing and dance along!

ARTHUR Theme Song

Group 1

Every day when you're walking down the street
and everybody that you meet
has an original point of view.

Group 2

And I say, Hey! (Hey!)
What a wonderful kind of day
if we can learn to work and play,

All Together

and get along with each other.

Group 1

You've got to listen to your heart, listen to the beat,
listen to the rhythm, the rhythm of the street,

Group 2

open up your eyes, open up your ears,
get together and make things better

All Together

by working together.

Group 1

It's a simple message and it comes from the heart,
oh believe in yourself.
For that's the place to start.

Group 2

And I say, Hey! (Hey!)
what a wonderful kind of day
if we can learn to work and play,

All Together

and get along with each other.

All Together

Hey! what a wonderful kind of day.
Hey! what a wonderful kind of day.
Hey!

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