SAA Pre-Twinkle Cello Video Resource Library Project
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Dear cello friend,

Just imagine: You're prepping for group classes and you'd really love a quick burst of ideas for your energy-filled pre-twinklers. Voila! All you have to do is check out the SAA Pre-Twinkle Cello Video Resource Library, available only to SAA members. Suddenly, you are armed with a whole new bag of tricks after watching a variety of young cellists demonstrate their versions of our most beloved Pre-Twinkle songs. Others could benefit too: a new teacher could gain insight on what to expect when teaching a 3-year-old; a parent could get fresh ideas for practice games.

We need your help! We want this dream of a Pre-Twinkle video library to come true. Please submit videos of your students demonstrating Pre-Twinkle songs in the way that only a little one old could. We want the unedited, raw, booger-filled version that captures the magic of our shared belief: "Every child can!"

Please don't hesitate in sending in a video. Most of us have the tried and true pre-Twinkle activities in our bag of tricks that many wonderful teachers have created before our time. But just like our repertoire, every time you teach an activity it is totally different because each student is unique. You know, variations on a theme. Or perhaps you think you have an original idea but aren't sure if someone else has already "invented" it and you don't want to mistakenly own it. This is a very familiar statement. Remember that we are a sharing community, and it is the greatest compliment to any teacher to have someone use your ideas in their studios.

We understand that this is not your student's most polished performance, but we also know that capturing the image of a student anywhere along the Pre-Twinkle spectrum can provide valuable insight and inspiration to many other teachers. As a cello community and a teaching community, we value the richness of sharing ideas—isn't that what makes Suzuki teaching so rewarding?

Submission Ideas

Ants Song
Rocket Song
Pretty Flowers/Monkey Song
Bow hold demonstrations with 1 activity
Ski Jumps/Airplanes
Posture songs or games
Pizzicato songs or games
D string Concerto
Singing songs or playing songs
… or anything else you think could be helpful!

This resource library is only as useful as we make it. Your feedback on this project is valuable to us. **Please complete our questionnaire** to help us gain a better understanding of your opinions.

If you have questions, **please first consult the details on the website**. If you have further questions, please email the video committee chair, Andrea Yun, at **ayun@umich.edu**

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