

Stephen's Funtastic School Day Show Description

Stephen Fite is a multiple award-winning children's artist who writes educational music solely for the early childhood classroom. He has presented Keynotes and Workshops at educational conventions all over the nation, including SDE's I Teach K, Frog Street Splash, SECA and NAEYC, and is appreciated not only for his musical talent, but also for his easy-to-use ideas. The tunes he writes are activity enhanced with the belief that younger children learn best while taking an active role in the lesson.

The songs he performs during his concerts are used in classrooms throughout the U.S. as a supplement to curriculum and reinforce a multitude of skills laid out in National and State Standards. Here are just a few examples of the songs Stephen will be using: ***Left & Right*** teaches/reinforces left/right directional skills through the use of body parts and movement; ***It's Funtastic*** invites the children to think positively about school and the all that they learn; ***Learn It Up*** is a song that tells the children how they learn best – watching with their eyes and listening with their ears; ***Tooty Ta Dance Mix*** reinforces body awareness; ***It Makes Me Jump*** is a large motor skill song that promotes coordination and excitement about school. ***Today Is*** and ***What's The Weather Doing Now*** will simulate a Morning Meeting get-together, as well as, reinforce the Days of the Week and Weather skills. In addition, the show will promote learning in areas such as Listening, Critical Thinking, Math, Science, Call and Response, Phonemic Awareness, Rhythm, Music Appreciation, Following Rules, etc.

The theme of the concert is ***Stephen's Funtastic School Day***. During the show, Stephen will play the part of a Super Substitute Teacher who leads the children through a Funtastic Classroom Day. Throughout the concert, they will be given clues which will assist them in discovering the identity of the Animal of the Day. The children are active participants every minute of the show, either by moving/dancing or through call and response.

Another advantage of the concert is the connection children are able to make with the writer or singer of the songs they use in their own classroom environment. We encourage the teachers to have the kids write letters or draw pictures (or both) after the show and send them to Stephen. He will personally respond to any group of letters/pictures he receives. We also offer online activity sheets (found on our website Concert page at melodyhousemusic.com) that teachers may duplicate for their children. The sheets are fun, as well as, educational and tie in with the theme of the concert and serve to build excitement among the children leading up to the field trip. We also have Correlations to both Common Core and Texas State Standards available for download on the Concert page of our website.