

Happy Everything!

I love to celebrate and I love to sing, so this CD brings both of them together to create happiness in your classroom! Many of the songs are from my own childhood, while others are new to reflect a more diverse classroom. We've tried to put a little something for everyone so that you can "pick and choose" the ones that are appropriate for your curriculum and students. You'll also find instrumental tracks for many of the songs so you can use them in school programs. We wish you much happiness in learning and singing with this CD!

Check out drjean.org "monthly activities" each month in 2007 for books you can download and additional ideas to use with the songs.

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FALL

School Cheer

It's going to be a great year!

Let's get started with a cheer!

This song is really cool.

Just fill in the name of your school.

(Name of school) School has many friends.

There are many friends at (name of school).

I am one of them,

And so are you.

So let's all give a cheer.

Right arm. (Begin moving right arm up and down.)

Continue adding left arm...right foot...left foot...nod your head.

End by singing, "Turn around and sit down."

Super Star Chant

Here's another chant where you get to fill in the name of your school.

(School), (School) is the best! (Children repeat each line.)

(School) is better than all the rest!

We can read and we can write

And our letters are out of sight.

We can count and we can add

And that makes our teacher glad!

We make new friends and follow rules.

Getting along is really cool.

We can learn and we can play

And we prove it everyday!

(School), (School) is the best!

(School) is better than all the rest!

We are super, yes we are.

Look out world, here comes a star.

I Like to Come to School

I like to come to school.

I like to come to school.

I like to learn and play each day

I like to come to school.

I like to make new friends...

I like to read and write...

I like to do math...

I like to sing and draw...

Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
Swish your bushy tail.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
Swish your bushy tail.
Wrinkle up your little nose,
Hide a nut between your toes.
Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,
Swish your bushy tail.
Climb up in the tallest tree.
Let your tail blow in the breeze...
If you'll be a friend of mine,
I will be a friend of yours...

Scarecrow

Stand up and stretch out your arms like a scarecrow. Listen carefully and see if you can do what the scarecrow says!

Can you turn around?	I can turn around.
Can you touch the ground?	I can touch the ground.
Can you wiggle your nose?	
Can you touch your toes?	
Can you wave up high?	
Can you let your arms fly?	
Can you give a clap?	
Can you give a snap?	
Can you jump, jump, jump?	
Can you thump, thump, thump?	
Can you wiggle your knees?	
Can you sit down, please?	Yes, yes indeed!

Apple Tree

Way up high in the tree,
One red apple smiled down at me,
So I shook that tree as hard as I could.
Down came an apple,
Mmm! Mmm! Good!
Two yellow pears...
Three purple plums...
4 orange peaches...
5 green limes...

Grandparents' Day – 1st Sunday after Labor Day

Grandma and Grandpa we just want to say
How much we love you on this special day.
With smiles and kisses and bear hugs, too
We want to say thanks for all that you do!
You make us feel like superstars!
You help us to see how wonderful we are.
The love and the time that you have shared
Will stay with us always and everywhere!
We play games together, we go for walks
We go out fishing or just sit and talk
We read books together and have so much fun!
Every moment with you is a special one.
You make us feel like superstars!
You help us to see how wonderful we are.
The love and the time that you have shared
Will stay with us always and everywhere!

Columbus Day

Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492
The Nina, and the Pinta, and the Santa Maria, too.
Going over going under in the Atlantic Ocean's thunder,
What a brave thing to do!
When Columbus set sail he knew the earth was round.
He was amazed at all the lands and the people he found.
Going over, going under, in the Atlantic Ocean's thunder,
What a brave thing to do!
Columbus visited Bahamas, Cuba, South America, too.
On October 12 we remember him and his crew.
Going over, going under, in the Atlantic Ocean's thunder,
What a brave thing to do!

Stirring our Brew and 3 Little Witches

Stirring and stirring and stirring our brew...
Woouooooo! Woouoooo!
Stirring and stirring and stirring our brew...
Woouooooo! Woouoooo!
Tip-toe. Tip-toe. BOO!
One little, two little, three little witches.
Flying over haystacks, flying over ditches.
Slid down the moon and tore their britches!
Hi, ho, Halloween's here!

Halloween Medley

Halloween is coming when we'll be
Dressed in funny clothes and then we'll see
Pumpkins in the window shining bright.
Oh, we'll have a good time
On Halloween night!
We'll put on our costumes, walk down the street,
Hold out our bags and say, "Trick or Treat!"
Then we'll say "thanks" and run away.
We can hardly wait for Halloween Day.

Oh, once I had a pumpkin, a pumpkin, a pumpkin.
Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face at all.
With no eyes and no nose and no mouth and no teeth.
Oh, once I had a pumpkin with no face at all.
So I made a jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern.
So I made a jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern, jack-o-lantern.
With big eyes and a big nose and big mouth and big teeth.
So I made a jack-o-lantern with a big funny face.

Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate.
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But I don't care."
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."
Ooooo! Went the wind, and out went the light.
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!

The Five Days of Halloween

On the first day of Halloween my monster gave to me,
A bat in an old, dead tree.
On the second day ...2 creepy spiders
On the third day...3 howling cats
On the fourth day...4 silly scarecrows
On the fifth day...5 jack-o-lanterns

Veteran's Day – 2nd Monday in November

Today's the day we celebrate our veterans,
The men and women who fought for our great land.
We'll raise our flags and hold a moment of silence
And we will carry poppies in our hands.
Because we want to thank you for your service;
You traveled far to keep us safe at home.
You fought with pride and honor for our country.
Our veterans, oh how we love you so.

Albuquerque Turkey

Albuquerque is a turkey
And he's feathered and he's fine.
And he wobbles and he gobbles
And he's absolutely mine.
He's the best pet you can get,
Better than a dog or cat.
He's my Albuquerque turkey,
And I'm awfully proud of that.
Albuquerque is a turkey,
And he's happy in his bed.
Cause for our Thanksgiving dinner,
We'll have pizza pie instead!

Over the River – 4th Thursday in November

Over the river and through the woods
To grandmother's house we go.
The horse knows the way
To carry the sleigh
Through the white and drifted snow.
Over the river and through the woods,
Oh, how the wind does blow.
It stings your toes and bites your nose
As over the ground we go.
Through the country and cities far
In sun or wind or rain.
We might go by train
We might take a plane.
Or maybe a bus or car.
Through low valleys and mountains high
Now, grandmother's house I spy.
Hurrah, for the fun!
Is the turkey done?
Hurrah for the pumpkin pie!

Gobble Gobble

Gobble gobble?
Who is that?
Mr. Turkey
Big and fat!
He is big and fat
And he gobble, gobble, gobbles.
He spreads his tail and he
Wobble, wobble, wobbles.
But when it is Thanksgiving Day,
“Gobble, gobble, gobble!” is what we’ll say.

We Give Thanks

We give thanks for food we eat...
We give thanks for families...
We give thanks for friends so dear...
We give thanks for all the earth...

WINTER

Jingle Bells

Chorus: Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh. Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
What fun it is to ride and sing
In a one horse open sleigh.
Dashing through the snow,
In a one horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright.
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight. (Chorus)

Jingle Bell Rock

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring.
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun
Now the jingle hop has begun.
Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square
In the frosty air.
What a bright time, it's the right time
To rock the night away.
Jingle bell time is a swell time
To go gliding in a one-horse sleigh.
Giddy-up jingle horse, pick up your feet
Jingle around the clock.
Mix and a-mingle in the jingling feet
That's the jingle bell,
That's the jingle bell, that's the jingle bell rock.

S A N T A

There is a jolly bearded man
And Santa is his name-o.
S - A - N - T - A,
S - A - N - T - A,
S - A - N - T - A,
And Santa is his name-o.
He lives at the North Pole...
His wears a suit all red and white...
He makes toys for girls and boys...
He drives a sleigh with 8 reindeer...
He'll visit you on Christmas Eve...

My Dreidel

I have a little dreidel,
I made it out of clay;
And when it's dry and ready,
Then dreidel I shall play.
Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
I made it out of clay.
Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Now dreidel we shall play.
My dreidel is so playful,
It loves to dance and spin;
A happy game of dreidel,
Come play, now let's begin.
Oh, dreidel, dreidel, dreidel,
Come play now, let's begin!
And when it gets all tired
It drops and then I win.

Holiday Alphabet

Deck the room with letters and sounds,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la.
Read and use them all year round,
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la.
Listen up and then you'll know,
How the letters and sounds do go.
Start with A and end with Z.
Happy holidays for you and me!
A for angels, /a/ /a/ /a/,
B for bells, /b/ /b/ /b/ /b/ /b/ /b/
C for candles /c/ /c/ /c/
D for dreidel
E for elves
F for fun
G for goodies
H for Hanukah
I for icicles
J for jingle
K for Kwanzaa
L for lights
M for menorah
N is for Noel
O for ornaments
P for presents
Q for quiet
R for Rudolph

S for Santa
T for toys
U for unity
V for vests
W for winter
X for X-mas
Y for yuletide
Z for z end

Kwanzaa – December 26-January 1

Chorus: Kwanzaa is coming
 We'll celebrate with gifts and lights.
 Kwanzaa is coming
 For seven days and nights.

We'll unite and come together
With people everywhere.
We'll work and help each other
To show how much we care. (Chorus)
We'll celebrate the harvest
And all the earth's first fruits.
Black, red, and green
Are colors that we'll choose. (Chorus)

Ring in the New Year

Let's all do a little ringing,
Let's all do a little ringing,
Let's all do a little ringing
It's a Happy New Year!
Let's all do a little clapping...
Let's all do a little dancing...
Let's all do a little smiling...
When is your birthday?
When is your birthday?
When is your birthday?
Stand up and cheer.
Say months of the year.
January, February, March...
Let's all be a little kinder...
For a Happy New Year!

Seasonal Wandering

I love to go wandering in the winter of the year.
Now is on the ground and the air is crisp and clear.
Tra la le, tra la la, tra la le, tra la la la la la la la.
Tra la le, tra la la, it's "mitten time" of year.
I love to go wandering when it warms up in the spring.
The flowers bloom, the trees bud, and the birds begin to sing.
Tra la le, tra la la, tra la le, tra la la la la la la la.
Tra la le, tra la la, it's "mitten time" of year.
I love to go wandering in the summer when it's hot.
I like to swim and ride my bike and play outside a lot.
Tra la le, tra la la, tra la le, tra la la la la la la la.
Tra la le, tra la la, it's "mitten time" of year.
I love to go wandering in the coolness of the fall.
The leaves are changing colors and I like to play football.
Tra la le, tra la la, tra la le, tra la la la la la la la.
Tra la le, tra la la, it's "mitten time" of year.

I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman
Short and fat.
Here is my broom and
Here is my hat.
When the sun comes out
I'll melt away.
But I'll be back another day!
I'm a snowlady,
White and round.
In my hat and apron
I don't make a sound.
When the sun comes out
I'll melt away
But I'll be back another day!

Stand Up For Martin Luther King – 3rd Monday in January

Dr. King stood up for justice.
He stood up for equality, too.
Dr. King stood up for children.
He stood up for me and for you.
Chorus: So now we...
 Stand up, stand up,
 Stand up for Martin Luther King.
 Stand up, stand up,
 Stand up for Dr. King.

Dr. King wanted all of America
To be tolerant, fair, and free.
He stood up for what he believed in.
He stood up for you and for me. (Chorus)
Dr King taught us all to be dreamers
So one day the world could begin
To judge people based on their character
And not on the color of their skin. (Chorus)

100 Days

We've been in school 100 days. Hoorah! Hoorah!
We've worked and played 100 days. Hoorah! Hoorah!
Zero is our Hero today.
Now let's all count to celebrate!
We've been in school 100 days,
And it's been great!
1, 2, 3,.....100!
Hoorah!

Groundhog Day – February 2nd

February 2nd,
Is Groundhog Day.
Gather round his hole
To hear what he'll say.
Will spring be early
Or late this year?
Watch and listen
To what you'll hear.
If he sticks his head out
On a sunny day.
His shadow will frighten him
And he will say,
"I'll go back in my hole
And go back to sleep.
You'll have winter
For six more weeks."
If he sticks his head out
On a cloudy day.
He's not frightened
So he will say,
"I think I'll stay out
And the weather should clear.
Spring will be here
Early this year."

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, past President,
Loved and honored by many.
To help us remember this famous man,
We put his face on a penny.
Hold a penny in your hand
And his face you'll see.
He always tried to tell the truth.
He's Honest Abe to me.

Bringing Home a Valentine

I'm bringing home a valentine for you.
One that says, "I love you."
I'm bringing home a valentine for you.
With a great big hug, and a (kiss) (kiss), too!
Softer...hum

Will You Be My Valentine?

Will you be my Valentine, Valentine, Valentine?
Will you be my Valentine?
I'll be yours if you'll be mine!
Some are red, some are blue,
Some have lace and ribbons, too.
Some are funny, some are not.
I like the candy ones a lot.
Will you be...(repeat)

Presidents' Day – 3rd Monday in February

On Presidents' Day we remember all the leaders
In our nation's history
Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Lincoln
We stand and salute our Commanders-in-Chief!
In the great White House
In Washington, D.C.
They have worked to keep our nation strong.
From seventeen eighty nine till today
We celebrate all our Commanders-in-Chief!

SPRING

St Patrick's Day! March 17th

On the 17th of March
About when spring starts
The lassies and leprechauns
Come out to play.
We'll find four-leafed clovers
And wear green all over
And that's how we'll celebrate
St. Patrick's Day!
The legends of old
Say there're pots of gold
A' sparkling and shining
At each rainbow's end.
The leprechauns know
Right where to go
So if you see a leprechaun
Make him your friend!

Five Little Kites

One, two, three, four, five little kites
Flying up in the sky.
Said "hi" to the clouds as they passed by
Said "hi" to the birds, said "hi" to the sun,
Said "hi" to the airplanes, oh what fun.
Then "swish" went the wind, and they all took a dive.
One, two, three, four, five.

Rain

It's raining, it's pouring,
The old man is snoring.
He went to bed, and he bumped his head,
And he couldn't get up in the morning.
Rain, rain, go away,
Come again another day.
All the children want to play,
Rain, rain, go away.

Birdies

Way up in the sky
The big birdies fly.
Way down in the nest
The little birds rest.
With a wing on the left,
And a wing on the right.
The little birds sleep
All through the night.
SHHHHHH!
DON'T WAKE UP THE BIRDIES!
Then up comes the sun,
The dew falls away.
Good morning! Good morning!
The little birds say.

Caterpillar's Story

A caterpillar crawled to the top of a tree.
I think I'll take a nap said he.
Under a leaf he began to creep,
He spun a chrysalis and went to sleep.
Spring came along, shook him and said,
"Wake up, wake up, you sleepy head."
Out of the leaf he spread his wings to fly,
"Look at me! Look at me! I'm a butterfly!"

Flip, Flop, Hop

The ears on the bunny go flip, flop, flop
Flip, flop, flop,
Flip, flop, flop.
The ears on the bunny go flip, flop, flop,
Flip, flop, flop.
The nose on the bunny goes twitch, twitch, twitch...
The eyes on the bunny go blink, blink, blink...
The tail on the bunny goes wiggle, wobble, wobble...
The feet on the bunny go hop, hop, hop...

The Planting Song

Let's all plant some seeds,
Let's all plant some seeds.
Hi, ho, it's spring you know,
Let's all plant some seeds.
The rain begins to fall...
The sun warms the earth...
The seeds begin to grow...

Popcorn Tree

I looked out my window, and what did I see?
Popcorn popping on my cherry tree.
What a surprise spring left for me.
Popcorn popping on my cherry tree.
Pop, pop, pop, pop, pop. Pop! Pop!
Faster...super fast

Earth Day - April 22nd

Earth Day, Earth Day! Let's all come together.
Earth Day, Earth Day! To make this world much better.
'Cause we love our planet Earth, beautiful and blue.
We want to take care of it with everything we do.
We can recycle – tell your friends and neighbors!
Glass, aluminum, plastic and paper.
'Cause we love our planet Earth, beautiful and blue.
We want to take care of it with everything we do.
We can plant a tree or two, to create green spaces;
Walk or ride our bikes to go different places.
'Cause we love our planet Earth, beautiful and blue.
We want to take care of it with everything we do.

Cinco de Mayo – May 5th

Chorus: Cinco de Mayo, Cinco de Mayo!
 That's the fifth of May.
 Cinco de Mayo, Cinco de Mayo!
 What a happy holiday!

All day long we'll have a fiesta –
We'll sing and clap our hands!
We'll have piñatas and play maracas
Like a mariachi band! (Chorus)
At the Battle of Puebla
In eighteen-hundred sixty-two
Mexico fought for independence
Viva Mexico! It's true! (Chorus)

A Box for Mommy – 2nd Sunday in May

I wish I had a little box
To put my mommy in.
I'd take her out and go (kiss, kiss, kiss)
And put her back again.
If my mommy were in my box
Were in my box, then she would always know.
School or play, night or day,
How I love her so!
I made this box for mother's day,
It's full of love for you.
When we're apart, hold it to your heart,
And know I'm thinking of you.

SUMMER

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Take me out to the ball game.
Take me out to the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks.
I don't care if we never get back,
For I'll root, root, root for the home team.
If they don't win it's a shame.
For it's one, two, three strikes you're out
At the old ball game.

Note! "Mexico did not fight for independence on the 5th of May. They did so on Sept. 16, which is when we celebrate that accomplishment.

La Batalla de Puebla on May 5th is commemorated because a small Mexican army defeated the French. In my class, we changed the line in the song from 'Mexico fought for independence' to 'Mexico fought the French soldiers'." Consuelo Ojeda, Euclid Avenue ES, Los Angeles, CA

We Love Our Flag – June 14th

We love our flag.
We love our flag.
We love America
And we love our flag.
Red, white, and blue,
Red, white, and blue,
The colors of our country's flag
Are red, white, and blue.
50 stars of white
On a field of blue
Stand for 50 states
Where we live, it's true.
Thirteen stripes
In red and white
Stand for the colonies
For freedom they did fight.
We love our flag...

He's My Dad – 3rd Sunday in June

Dad-o, dad-o, he's my dad and I love him so.
Dad-o, dado, he's my dad and I love him so.
Works all day and he comes home tired,
He's my dad and I love him so.
Still plays with me in the yard.
He's my dad and I love him so.
Dad-o, dad-o, he's my dad and I love him so.
Dad-o, dad-o, he's my dad and I love him so.
He reads to me and we laugh and play.
He's my dad and I love him so.
Helps me do my best each day.
He's my dad and I love him so.
Dad-o, dad-o, he's my dad and I love him so.
Dad-o, dad-o, he's my dad and I love him so.

The Fourth of July

Three cheers for the red, white, and blue!
Three cheers for the birth of our country.
In seventeen seventy-six
We became independent and free.
And now on the Fourth of July
We remember the story of our nation.
We all come together as one
To sing a song and march along in celebration!

So let the music play and let the fireworks go off!
So let the music play and let the fireworks go off!
We will cheer hooray in the night
As the sky fills with colors and lights.
We'll all wear red, white and blue
To show our spirit true.
We'll wave our flags on high—
The flags are a symbol of our nation.
The Fourth of July is the day
We stand as one United States in celebration.

Swimming

Swimming, swimming, in the swimming pool.
When days are hot or days are cold, in the swimming pool.
Back stroke, side stroke, fancy diving, too.
There's no place I would rather be
Than in the swimming pool.
Softer...Hum it.

Going On a Picnic

We're going on a picnic.
We're going to pack a big one.
With sandwiches, cookies, and lemonade, too.
Look over there.
It's some tall grass.
Can't go over it.
Can't go under it.
Can't go around it.
I guess we'll go through it.
Swish, swish, swish, swish!
Look over there.
It's a lake...
I guess we'll row across it.
Row, row, row your boat.
Look over there.
It's a swamp...
Ooey, gooey, ooey, gooey.
Look over there.
It's a park.
It's nice and shady.
It's got a picnic bench.
We're all so hungry
Let's go eat!
Mmmmmmm!

Beep! Choo! Zoom! Honk!

We'll be going on vacation in our car.

Beep-Beep

Train – choo choo

Plane – zoom zoom

Bus – honk, honk

Oh, we'll all have lots of fun on our trips.

Beep beep, choo choo, zoom zoom, honk honk!

School Days

School day, school days,

Time for back to school days.

Backpacks, and pencils, and paper, too.

You'll need crayons and scissors and sticky blue.

Shopping for new shoes and clothes

Who will be my teacher I want to know.

New friends and lots of good times

I can't wait to go back to school.
