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Subject: The Value of Music Education

1. The creative Process starts with an idea that comes from the imagination.
2. We have extraordinary opportunity to change lives through music.
3. Start with very young children, not teenagers.
4. Improvisation is the right of every child, no matter where, or what the circumstance.
5. Music Definition: Sound, organized in some way passing through time.
6. Doing echo rhythm with children, you are engaging them in their first aural experience.
7. All teaching is an act of faith.
8. Music is important, because it is abstract.
9. Abstract... doesn't mean anything outside of itself.
10. Example of Music as Abstract... a title of a piece can evoke a different response
11. Music does not describe, Music does not narrate or tell stories
12. Music Evokes, Implies, Suggests
13. Example: Three pieces dealing with Night.. all different: Debussy, Mozart, Beethoven
14. The title of music is simply a "way In"
15. Its the abstraction that allows children to move into a very special way of thinking.
16. The most important thing about music.. is to make your own music.
17. Children must make their own music. They make it best through singing.
18. Through singing is how we engage every child.
19. We can teach students to be literate through singing.
20. With music you open up the mind of a child in a very special way.
21. Music is different from Drama, Dance, Visual Arts.
22. The power of creative thought transferred through music to all other areas is huge
23. Music is worth teaching for its own sake.