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Teaching Without Words

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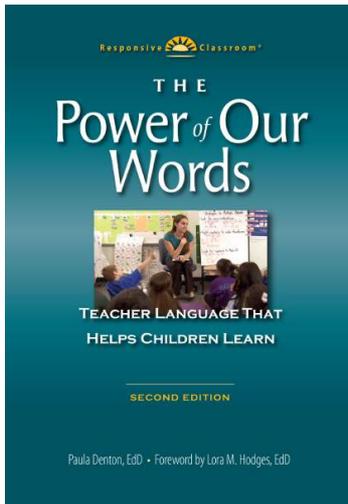
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“The skillful use of silence can be just as powerful as the skillful use of language”



- Paula Denton, The Power of Our Words

Starting Class...without Words

Consider...

*How do your students come into your classroom?

*Is it musical?

*Are students talking?

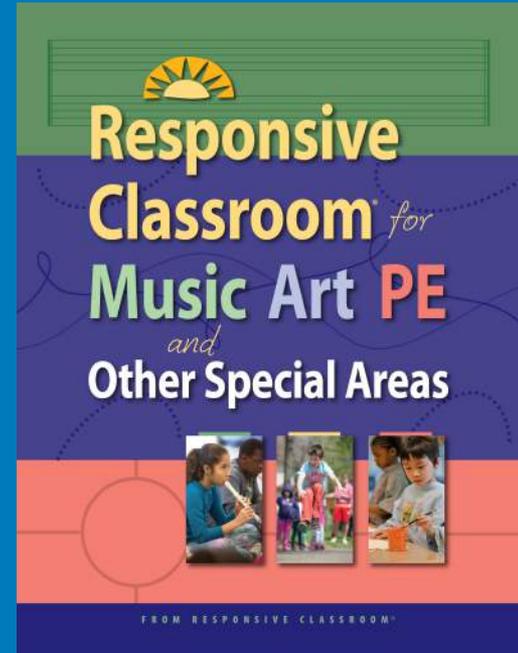
*How can it become silent and musical?



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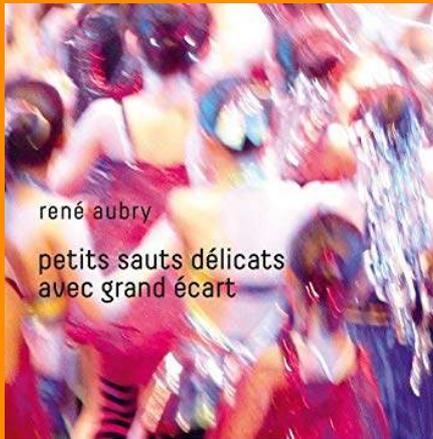
Think About

“Following the same routine everyday, with all the grades you teach, will save time for you, helps students feel secure, and preserves precious minutes...”



Creative Movement...without Words

Exploring in movement as a collective body

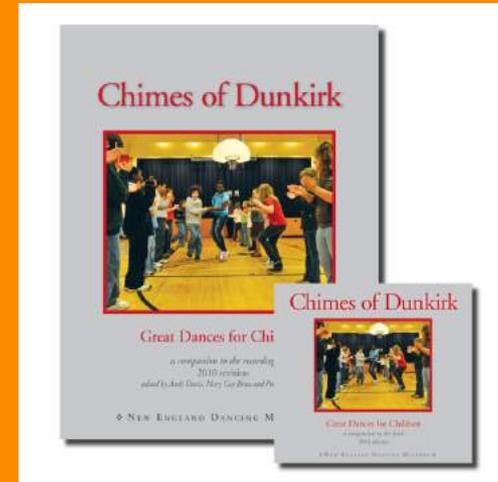


- * The use of breathe
- * Preparing the motion in the body
- * Use of patterns

Folk Dance...without Words

From creative movement to folk dance

- * Use characteristics of creative movement to prepare folk dance steps
- * Add on step-by-step
- * Use consistent vocal cues



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Playing Egg Shakers...without Words

How am I giving cues and information when...



- * Passing them out
- * Picking them up
- * Starting and stopping
- * Playing patterns and steady beat

Think About

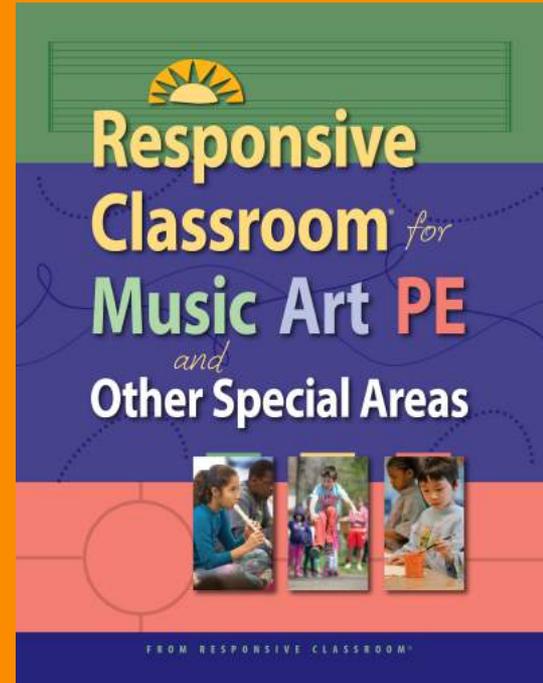
“Children need us to speak with brevity.”

- Paula Denton

Classroom Procedures...without Words

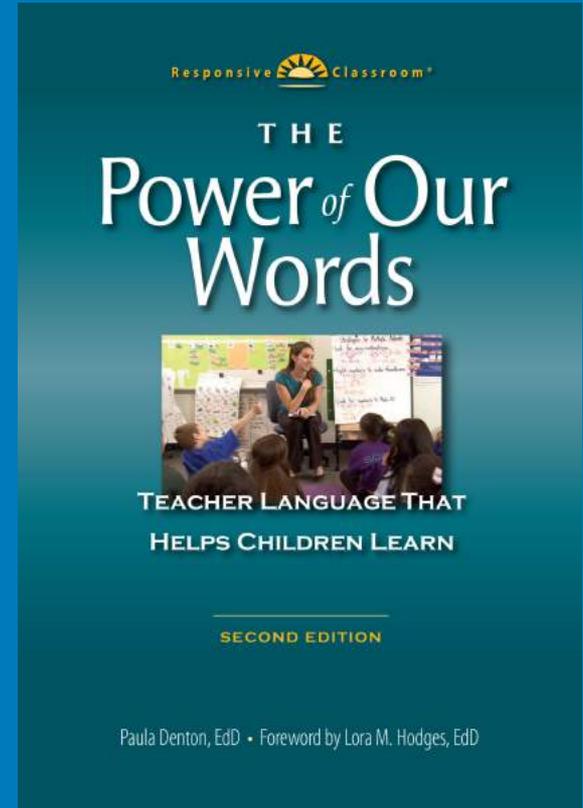
Watch teacher behavior

- > Share what is noticed
 - > Student model
 - > Share what is noticed
 - > Practice as a class



Think About

“By not repeating, I allow the student’s voice to stand on its own” - Paula Denton

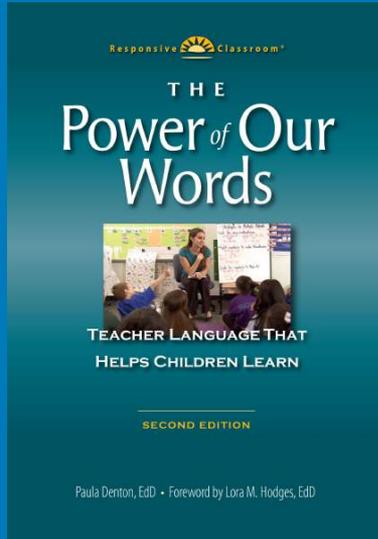


Playing Xylophones...without Words

- * Polyspots to hop on!
- * How do the spots make a xylophone?
- * Follow my feet as I play
- * Teacher-leader —> student-led
- * Patterns become pieces



Think About



“Children are more likely to learn and remember content that they have spoken about.”

Takeaway

Share with a partner something new
you'd like to try in your classroom.



West Music booth: 12:30-1:30
Answer questions, talk ideas, sign
Responsive Classroom book :)



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