

Baby Shark March (Yes, that Baby Shark) - Grades 1-3

How It Works

I stole this idea from an Army drill sergeant who used it as a marching cadence. You can use it to teach counting and time-keeping.

Start off by counting 1-2-3-4 in a steady beat; feel free to use a metronome, pre-recorded drum beat or the actual Baby Shark song to help keep in time. Have your student march in place to the beat, counting 1-2-3-4 along with you. Once they can march in place and count to the beat, they can begin to march around the room. You will sing the “baby shark, mommy shark, daddy shark” part and they will answer with “do-do-do-do-do-do” part. See how long they can march and respond with their part. If they get through the whole song you can award points or prizes. Award yourself points or prizes if you can get through the whole song without going crazy. (If you want, you can substitute any song with a simple call and answer type of cadence).

What You'll Need

Access to a metronome or drumbeat to keep time; there are lots of these on YouTube. Pick one that starts around 80-90 beats per minute.

The Baby Shark song or a similar song (available on YouTube)

Loads of patience

