



Recommended Instruments

Early childhood music should feel **joyful, playful, and accessible**. The best instruments for young children are easy to use, safe for little hands, and instantly rewarding. Here are some favorites. (Affiliate Links.)

EGG SHAKERS

- [The Very Best Egg Shakers! \(Jim Dunlop\)](#)
- [Quality Bulk Egg Shakers](#)

DRUMS - Play with hands only

- [Nearly Indestructible Drums](#) - play with hands only
- [Set of Drums](#) - play with hands only

JINGLE BELLS

- [Set of Wrist/Hand Jingle Bells](#)

RHYTHM STICKS

- [Plastic Rhythm Sticks - indestructible](#)
- [The BEST, more affordable Rhythm Sticks - paint won't chip/cause splinters, safer size!](#) - each student should get a pair with one smooth stick, one fluted/ribbed stick

***SCARVES**

- [Scarves](#)

FULL CLASS SET OVERVIEW (These are examples. Prices may vary.)

- One pair of egg shakers/student ([36-piece Egg Shakers](#), \$27.99 x2 = **\$55.98**)
- One wrist bells/student ([24 Wrist Bells](#), **\$25.99**)
- One pair rhythm sticks/student ([5 Pair](#), \$18.65 x4 = **\$74.60**) - for younger students, please consider investing in [8 inch Rhythm Sticks](#)
- One floor drum/student ([Set of 6](#), \$32.43 x4 = **\$129.68**)*
- One scarf/student ([36 scarves](#), **\$16.99**)

These are suggested examples. Some instruments can be bought in bulk or through alternate vendors at lower price points.

*Drums can be made from household objects. Children should play with their hands only.

OPTIONAL: Assorted Rhythm Instruments for passing/group play - 2 per each 8 students is ideal (some of these already come in multi-packs), plus 1-2 of egg shakers, rhythm sticks, small hand drums (depending on group size)

- [2 Tone Blocks](#)
- [Two-Tone Blocks](#)
- [3-Pack Triangles](#)
- [Claves](#)
- [Set of 2 Guiros](#)
- [2 Rainsticks - Passable/with kids](#)
- [2 Castanets](#)
- [Maracas](#)
- [3-Pack Tambourines](#)
- [2 Jingle Sticks & 2 Jingle Shakers](#)
- [Cymbals](#)

Optional (but great) sets to have:

- [Class Set Castanets](#) (Optional)
- [Class Set Wooden Maracas](#) (Optional)
- [Buy multiple for Class Set of Tambourines](#) (Optional)

Some storage suggestions:

- [Clear, stackable storage boxes](#) - one for egg shakers, one for rhythm sticks, etc.
- [Larger storage boxes](#) - you'll need some larger boxes for your mixed instruments for passing/group play.
- [Large Plastic Storage Bag](#) - bags like this are *great* for drums, parachute and balls, etc. Easy to clean and super durable.

Additional fun classroom supplies:

- [Xylophone - C major](#) or [Xylophone - C major](#)
- [Lollipop Drum - at least one for teacher, assorted instruments](#)
- [Thunder Tube](#) - for teacher to help students play
- [Rainstick](#) - for teacher to help students play
- [Bubbles](#)
- [Small Parachute Option for Ones class](#)
- [12 foot Parachute/12 handles](#)
- [Expandable Ball](#)
- [Class Set Castanets](#) (Optional)
- [Class Set Wooden Maracas](#) (Optional)
- [Buy multiple for Class Set of Tambourines](#) (Optional)

Visit [Little Kiddos Music Amazon Storefront](#) for additional suggestions and supplies.