













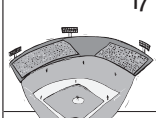





# Activate! Calendar Connections

Dear Families,

October is Country Music Month! Grab your cowboy hats and listen to some country music.

Below the monthly music calendar, you will find fun-filled activities and suggestions for you and your young musician to do at home. Choose the ones that sound most interesting to you or set aside a time each week to explore the music activity of the week. Whatever you decide to do, make music together as often as you can!

## October

31 Halloween 					1 International Music Day and Julie Andrews's Birthday (1935) 	2 
3 	4 Toot Your Flute Day 	5 World Teachers' Day 	6	7 The musical <i>Cats</i> opened on Broadway in 1982 and <i>Yo-Yo Ma's</i> Birthday (1955) 	8	9 Giuseppe Verdi's Birthday (1835)
10 Thelonious Monk's Birthday (1917) 	11 Columbus Day 	12 Luciano Pavarotti's Birthday (1935) 	13	14 	15	16 School Librarian Day 
17 	18 Zac Efron's Birthday (1987) 	19 <i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i> was first sung in 1814 	20 The Halloween-themed song <i>Monster Mash</i> reached number one on the music charts in 1962 	21 The <i>Can-Can</i> was first performed during Offenbach's <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i> in 1858 and Dizzy Gillespie's Birthday (1917) 	22 Franz Liszt's Birthday (1811)	23
24 <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> was written by Jack Norworth in 1908 	25 Georges Bizet's Birthday (1838)	26	27	28	29	30

<b>Week 1</b>	Celebrate Julie Andrews's birthday and sing and/or listen to the famous song "Do-Re-Mi" from <i>The Sound of Music</i> .
<b>Week 2</b>	Check out the book <i>Mysterious Thelonious</i> by Chris Raschka from your local or school library. If you can't find it at the library, you can purchase the book through many booksellers.
<b>Week 3</b>	Have some fun with your young musician and "Do <i>The Monster Mash!</i> " Purchase a recording of <i>The Monster Mash</i> , turn it up nice and loud, and dance with your child. Can you do the zombie?
<b>Week 4</b>	Do you love baseball? We sure do! Be sure to sing <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> with your young musician as you watch the World Series this month. Help your developing reader by checking out or purchasing the book <i>Take Me Out to the Ballgame</i> (Aladdin Picture Books) illustrated by Alec Gillman.

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