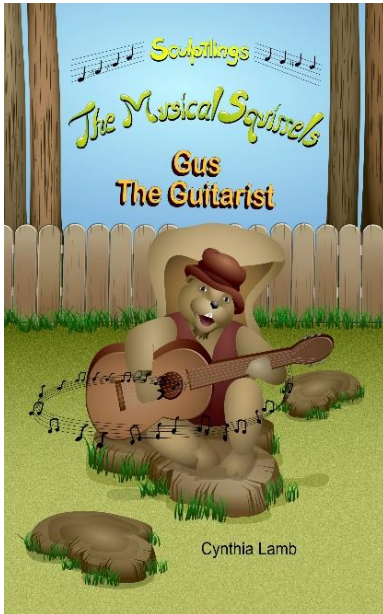




Topic and Discussion Page

Gus the Guitarist

The Musical Squirrels



A Fun Music Theory Book For Kids (Teaching Kids To Play Guitar, Learning About Notes and Scales)

For Kids 7 – 10 yrs old Advanced Learners with Math Skills

Gus is a good guitar player. He teaches his friend Chase how to play the bass. Gus explains the difference between a few instruments. He compares the guitar and a bass to the piano. He explains how they are all the same along with the notes, the keys and the strings in-between. He teaches the math formula in how to discover the scale for each string.

Gus compares the guitar to a piano so it is easy to see the similarities of the notes and how to calculate the steps between the instruments.

Book Topics

- Music Theory
- The difference between a guitar and a bass
- What is a Note
- How a Piano is just like a string instrument
- What is a Scale
- The Formula for learning a Scale
- Explains the 1st 4 Notes on each String

Ideas for how to review this book with Beginners:

- What is the difference between a Guitar and a Bass?
- How many notes are there on 1 string?
- What are the Letters of each Note.
- How is a Piano like a string instrument?
- What is the difference between a Guitar and the Bass?
- How does Gus explain the first 4 notes on each string?

Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers:

- What is the math formula for the scale on the first 4 strings?
- What is the first 4 notes of each scale on each string: (for E, A, D, and G.)

Compare Books

- Try comparing the story Gus the Guitarist with music theory books.
- What other instruments can you play with the understanding between a piano and string instruments?
- Can you find an example of the strings on a violin or banjo and see if this theory works between all the instruments?