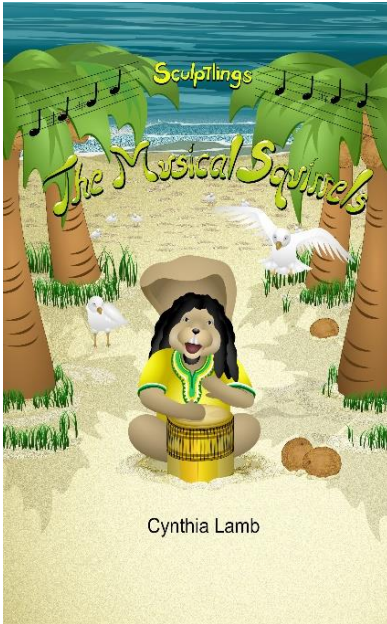


The Musical Squirrels Series



Jimmy the Drummer

An Educational Music Book About Making Music With Different Sounds. Teaches Music Skills Such as Listening, Following Direction and Coordination.

Jimmy The Drummer is a children's first music book. Kids learn what it is like to make music with different sounds and they learn self-control by staying in time by playing one beat together. This Musical Squirrel teaches coordination by clapping hands and beating on drums in a rhythm. The sound of music and working together to make music teaches the positive affect of music.

Jimmy The Drummer's story shows kids how much fun you can have when you can make music with others.

Book Topics

- Coordination
- Social Skills
- Staying In Time
- Listening and Following Directions
- Creating Beats and Rhythms
- Creating Sounds By Using Different Objects

Ideas for how to review this book with kids 5-7:

- What was the message of the story?
- Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- Act out the story and have the child clap their hands and stomp their feet.
- Have the children play with you and try to get them to stay in time together.

Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers or Musicians:

- How do you make music? How is music made?
- What made the other Squirrels want to join in?
- How does Jimmy bring people together through music?
- What is a Beat or Rhythm or Pattern?
- What does it mean to stay in time with others?
- What are some of the cause and effects of playing one beat together in a group?

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Jimmy the Drummer with other Sculptling Books, such as Lee the Ukulele Player and compare the 2 messages.

- Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Example: Jimmy and Lee are bringing people together by teaching them how to play music. In both stories the characters play together by listening, following along and participating as a team.)