

## The RTerfooard Enspress A

 'Kids Notes' pre-staff reading for young pianists


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A beginner piano method with pre-staff 'kids notes' and keyboard guides
by John Keller

This book is designed to be used in both orientations.
Start with the book upright (portrait orientation), so notes go to the left and right.
Later have the book in the usual (landscape) orientation, so notes go up and down.


# m Black Key Groups of 2 and 





4. Stop on the way and 'walk' on the spot for a while.
The key should stay held down and not repeat its note.
Fingers Walking on the White Keys


2. Stop on the way and 'walk' on the spot for a while.
The key should stay held down and not repeat its note. The white keys are called the naturals ( $~(q)$.
They were the first keys to be invented They were the first keys to be invented.
But then all the keys looked the same!
Later on, they gradually added the extras -
the black keys in the groups of $\mathbf{2}$ and 3.

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If You're Happy


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## Repeat This Please












## Rocket Ship

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Rocket ship,
Take your place.
Blast off into outer space.


Submarine













Note Stickers





## Alphabet

## Staccato:

- a dot over or under the note(s).
- hop off the keys straight after playing.




First Two Letters


First two letters, don't forget.






Last two letters, don't forget.


Teacher's Accompaniment:




## Naturals (q) Above and Below




Teacher's Accompaniment:

centre of keyboard


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Add flash cards for these notes F and G to A and B.
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## Out in Space



1: Out in space I'd love to be, Where there is no gravity.


2: Naturals next to group of three, At the edge and floating free.


Teacher's Accompaniment:
3. Play both hands together.

3: Play together everyone, Black and white keys having fun.



## Smiley Face =D




## Mary Had a Little Lamb



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Teacher's Accompaniment:
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## Three White Keys






## Ant and Ball and Copy Cat



Teacher's Accompaniment:


Centre Alphabet


High hand

## Playing Hiding



Treble
Clef


Centre Alphabet






Teacher's Accompaniment:






This is the treble clef.

## Treble Clef

Treble clef, treble clef. Right hand plays white keys up high.
 Treble clef, treble clef. Seagulls fly up in the sky.

The treble stave is only for white keys (naturals) on the high side, and notes are all the same size.

Number the lines upward from the bottom Edge-line. How many lines are there?


Also number the spaces upward from the First-space. How many spaces are there? $\square$


Touch This Line (All On the Low Side)

## (気) 水



## Bass Clef

The bass stave is only for white keys (naturals) on the low side, and notes are all the same size..

Number the lines upwards. How many lines are there?


Number the spaces upwards. How many spaces are there? $\square$


This is the
bass clef.


This is the bass stave (staff).

Bass clef, bass clef, Just play naturals on the left.
Bass clef, low side. Down there where those white frogs hide.

Teacher's Accompaniment:



Baby Monkey


Find the 2-black-key groups by feel.

Hold on to your mo - ther's coat, like we cling to ev - ery note.


## First Three, Top Three



Place a 3-line alphabet guide in the centre.




## ORO Bird and Frog Alphabets



In this al - pha - bet up high,
In this al - pha - bet be - low,
Se-ven sea-gulls in the sky.
Se-ven white frogs in a row.


Alphabet staves


Middle of Each Alphabet


## In the Bass




## In the Treble



## Bass and Treble Alphabets



This is the treble or third alphabet.
High in the sky it's the birds alphabet.




Lines or Spaces



## Thumbs are Finger 1s






## Top Half, Bottom Half

Top half of alphabet G F E D.

Learn all the letters in each alphabet.


## Alphabet in Bass Clef



Middle letters C D E.

Top two letters G and F


## Copy of Copy-Cat






Teacher's Accompaniment:




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