Can Music Literacy Be Caught?
The Value of Rote-to-Note Teaching

Dr. Heather Potter
Alleluia Conference
Baylor University
July 2016

Can children with limited previous exposure catch music literacy through the actions and processed of music performance and preparation?

What is Rote-to-Note Teaching?

Skills/Concepts That May Be Introduced Through Rote-to-Note Teaching

- Rhythm Reading/ Identification
- Identifying and Labeling Musical Form
- Navigating the Musical Score
- Transferring Solfege Patterns From Ear to Eye
Skills/Concepts That May Be Introduced Through Rote-to-Note Teaching, cont.

- Identifying Melodic Patterns
- Improving Listening Skills
- Identifying Musical Phrasing
- Focusing Attention on Text
- Modeling Vocal Tone

Things to Consider as You Plan Your Teaching Strategy

1. Avoid giving too much information
2. Every song is different; be creative!
3. Consider how your initial presentation will lead you into the remainder of the piece