Toys-R-LEE
Not Just a Bag of Tricks
The Singing Child from Toys, Tone to Text
Singing FUNdamentals for All Children: Toys that Teach!

The Warm-up
- Preparing Your Instrument – the Choral Voice
- 8 – beat pattern warm-ups (Thalia)

Holding Your Instrument
- Torso / Head / Neck / Shoulders
- Postures – Position 1 / Position 2 / Position 3

Breathing Exercises
- Shoulder vs. Diaphragmic Breathing
- Exhalation Exercises

The Embouchure
- Lip Trills

Tonal Development
- The Varied Vocal Sounds of Children
- The hoot sound (hot potato) – 5 –note descending scale
- Vowel Formation (Lips + hot potato) – (mah / meh / mee / moh / moo)
- Diphthongs - (Round / Sound / Found / Down / Town)

Diction Development
- Pitched Consonants – B, D, G, L, M, N, R, V, W, Z
- Word Isolations

Dynamics

Achieving Legato / Articulations / pulsing
- Slow motion speaking channel a tempo

Range Development Exercises
- Chest Voice – MMMMM / MMMMMWAH
- Chest to Head – EEyah ---ah ---------Do so fa mi re do

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