

**Critical Review:**

**Do classroom-based music activities influence literacy skills in Elementary school children with poor reading skills?**

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This critical review examines the evidence regarding the effect of classroom music lessons on literacy skills of school age children with reading disabilities. Study designs include: mixed (between and within seud  
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Using a mixed (between and within subjects) randomized clinical trial, Roskam (1979) examined the effectiveness of a 3-month period of music activities on auditory awareness, spelling, and reading abilities of 36 children (ages 6 to 9) with a learning disability. The results of the study showed that the music activities significantly improved the children's auditory awareness, spelling, and reading abilities. The study also found that the music activities were enjoyable for the children and that they were able to maintain their improved skills over time.

facilitate activities, help tell stories, and evoke imagery connected to the stories. Twelve treatment sessions

information offered about the treatment condition in Overy's (2000) study was that the teacher was trained to incorporate music into the classroom. Such diversity among the treatment conditions calls into question the elements required in an effective musical intervention.

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