



Thanks to Thom Borden from McGraw Hill (Thom_Borden@mcgraw-hill.com) for this excellent idea which I've used successfully with both my 1st and 2nd graders to reinforce so-mi and also hear each child sing individually.

Each time the pigeon asks, sing a so-mi response "No Way!" Pretty quickly students will be singing along to answer the pigeon. At another lesson, as you read the book, go to each child with one of the questions, or even add some of your own so that each can respond "No Way!" individually. I've looked at all of the "pigeon" books published so far and only the driving the bus and staying up late ones lend themselves to this fun idea.

Extension: Consider facilitating your students writing their own book inspired by this one with the response being "No Way!" or maybe even "OK!" (...or ask their classroom teacher if they'd like to do this during **their** time!)

Thom has awesome ideas connected to children's books. He suggests you look for books that fit into these categories:

- I. Children's Literature Selections – Repetition or Rhythmic Patterns:**
Selections that include a repeated phase, word, or rhythmic pattern.
- II. Children's Literature Selections – Sequence**
Selections that are told with a sequenced or cumulative approach.
- III. Children's Literature Selections – "Color" Words**
Selections that have "color" words that can be used to introduce tone color.
- IV. Children's Literature Selections – Traditional Folk Songs**
Selections that are traditional folk songs or can be sung to a traditional folk melody or can incorporate a traditional folk song or singing game.
- V. Children's Literature Selections – Listening Activities**
Selections that can incorporate listening selections or musical listening selections.
- VI. Children's Literature Selections – Concept Books**
Selections that are used to simply incorporate a musical concept.
- VII. Children's Literature Selections – Poetry Selections**
Selections that include poetry or in which a poem can be added.

Thom's website for manipulatives is www.thomborden.blogspot.com. Don't miss it!!!