

# How to Use Keyboards in the Elementary Music Classroom

- **Use them in a centers rotation with 4-5 students in a group, 1 student per keyboard.**
  - Play around with the different instrument sounds
  - Compose a simple melody
  - Practice what was taught in a group piano lesson
  - Practice rhythms with percussion sounds
  
- **Use them in a group piano course**
  - If there aren't enough keyboards per student, have them share or take turns.
  - Use an app, your smartboard, or a group piano course (like mine in the music teacher membership at [thedomesticmusician.com](http://thedomesticmusician.com))
  - Students will be at different skill levels, so have the ones who have basic knowledge of piano help the beginners
  
- **Teach them in a unit**
  - Just like you teach recorders or ukuleles as a unit, teach them keyboards as a unit also
  - Teach towards the end of the year after the knowledge base is there
  - Use them to teach a specific objective, especially with upper elementary grades