

Top 10 Tips
for using music in
special education

- 1.** Pause the CD for extra response time.
- 2.** Quiz students on the content after the song.
- 3.** Music + Visual supports = increased comprehension.
- 4.** Pre-teach songs in the 1:1 setting for emerging learners.
- 5.** Use phrases from songs in other settings to cue memory.
- 6.** Use students' preferred songs as a reinforcer.
- 7.** Engage students who are nonverbal in motor imitation.
- 8.** Leave out words at the end of a song phrase and have students fill in the blank.
- 9.** Create an icon for each song and use for choice making or on a visual schedule.
- 10.** Record a key word or phrase from the song onto a switch for students using augmentative communication.