



ZAK MORGAN

“One part musical genius and another part fantastic storytelling...Not only are these whimsical little tunes with quirky tales interwoven between each note, but (they are) amazing stories that have depth, detail and a master storyteller.” ~ Shakefire.com

Zak Morgan’s wit has been compared to Shel Silverstein and Dr. Seuss. Zak is a children’s musician with a focus on the curriculum areas of literature and music. A **Grammy nominee** whose unique brand of children's music delivers songs and poems with wit and charm, he inspires and tickles the funny bones of children and adults alike. In Zak’s **FAMILY CONCERTS**, you can expect a fast-paced, entertaining and interactive concert that creates a world filled with music and imagination, where anything is possible if you try hard and believe in yourself! **EDUCATIONAL CONCERTS** are interactive and full of wordplay, centering ON the themes of reading, imagination, kindness and perseverance.

When he is not writing and recording, Zak performs family concerts throughout the country. His live performances are filled with musical stories, laughter and warmth as he encourages children to read, imagine and believe in themselves.

READ AND BLOOM - Students will use their voices, creativity and body movements to join in the fun. Morgan’s educational concert offers two study guides with activities for both music education and arts integration with life science facts, literary devices, reading skills and confidence building. In addition, teachers can access thirteen interactive lessons for classroom use at a variety of grade levels supporting creative writing and reading comprehension. Concerts for PreK to 2nd grade focus on confidence building, reading, listening and imagination. Concerts for 3rd to 5th grades teach life science facts through music including life cycles and environments. Older elementary students will explore literary devices and elements of a good story. All concerts teach basic music lessons including simple rhythmic, melodic and chordal patterns.

Video Links: https://youtu.be/XyUqz2_7vB0 AND <https://youtu.be/fSZNPvOzC5U>

Curriculum Tie-ins: Music, language arts, literacy, reading, creative thinking, storytelling

Study Guides (*Music and Literature*) and Lesson Plans:

<http://www.zakmorgan.com/classroom/index.html>

THE WONDER OF IT ALL - Science is fun, exciting and all around us. We all use it in our daily lives, often without even realizing it. With his unique humor and trademark wordplay, Zak points out the wonder of the natural world and shows how he uses technology to bring his ideas to life on stage.

Students learn about pitch, frequency, magnetic fields and electric amplification in this interactive, joyful celebration of science. K-3 and 4-6 versions. Students will see electrons in action with Zak's hilarious plasma ball and Van de Graaff generator demonstrations. They will witness Zak change the frequency and amplitude of sound waves with his theremin and musical saw. As in all Zak's performances, children will be encouraged to be kind, curious and confident in this fun and memorable introduction to the science of sound.

Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/485947777>

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Study Guide and Classroom Worksheets:

<https://loydartists.com/images/resources/ZakMorganScienceStudyGuide.pdf> AND

<https://loydartists.com/images/resources/ZM Worksheets and Lyrics.pdf>

Weblinks: <http://zakmorgan.com> OR <http://loydartists.com/roster/f/c/1428>

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOPS AND RESIDENCY

Zak's creative writing workshops and his residency (story and song) are offered for grades PreK-5th. They involve students in examining the elements of a good story, delving into rhyme schemes and literary devices and exploring the power of the imagination using music and storytelling.

His creative writing residency uses music and storytelling to exercise the imagination and encourage reading with the students. Over the course of the sessions, students learn the basic elements of a good story, create their own story and turn their story into a joint classroom song. Zak will record the students' songs and make them available to the school and students via a link, so they can be posted on the school website/Facebook page and so each student will have access to them at home to share with their families. The residency usually concludes with an all-school Zak Morgan performance where the each class performs their own song onstage.