

I really enjoyed teaching this unit to 3rd grade! The students were very engaged in the lessons and grew musically throughout the unit, so I will definitely teach this unit again in the future. I was unfortunately not able to teach the last week of the unit because I became very sick during my last week at Foot of Ten, and I look forward to finishing the unit with another class sometime.

When I teach this unit in the future, one adjustment I will make is how I teach “Kahuli.” Originally I taught the song like I would teach any other song by rote (one phrase at a time, students echoing each phrase as it occurs in the song). However, because the language is unfamiliar for students, this was difficult for them. After the first week, Martha suggested that I show the text on my Power Point, having the students sing one “easy” phrase the first time through the song (I would sing everything else). The students would progressively sing more and more phrases of the song (with “their part” shown in bold on the Power Point) until they were singing the whole thing. I utilized this method of teaching the next week, and it was much more successful. This method allowed for more repetition and set the students up for success the whole way through the learning process.