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## **Child Activity: “Jammin’ Draw”**

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Some students have enjoyed using a commercially available toy called a “Jammin’ Draw” by Fisher Price.

It has a large drawing surface with a clip at the top to hold paper. You can select a variety of background musical sounds and rhythms, and then select an instrument. The background music plays continuously, but the melody only sounds as long as the child is drawing.

If the crayon is moved from left to right the notes move up the octave. Moving the crayon from top to bottom changes the pitch (high at the top and low at the bottom.) Fast scribbling increases the tempo and slow scribbling slows the tempo down.

When the child is done there is a playback button that will put together the child’s “composition” and the toys’ “accompaniment” to make pleasant music. No matter what background or instrument is chosen, the toy makes music out of it.

The child can then dance to the song they “drew,” plus the parent has a drawing to keep.