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M&M Note or Kandy Keys Game

This fun yet educational game is a great way to help students learn and remember the key names and end a lesson. It is a great way to keep student interest. Not only can it be used with beginner students, it's a good way to help progressing students identify sharps or flats. Using this game monthly helps students stay motivated.

You need:

M&Ms or Skittles candies,

OR *(1/2 in pom poms)

Hand sanitizer, Disinfectant wipes.

Disinfect the keys. Use the hand sanitizer and have your student clean hands as well.

Now the fun begins.

Place the candies or *pennies on the keys (keeping in mind the musical level of each student). Now the student must name the

key to get the treat! (If the wrong key is named, help the student figure out the correct key name, always make sure that they get the correct answer in the end.) (For older students, set a timer for 30 seconds or one minute and see if they can name all the **Kandy (marked) Keys** in that time.)

*you can use ½ colored pom poms (found in craft sections of most discount stores) and give out a small nonfood prize like a pencil or stickers instead of using candy. I have a diabetic student and he likes small packs of nuts or a stick of sugar free gum.

