

# Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment

## Book One

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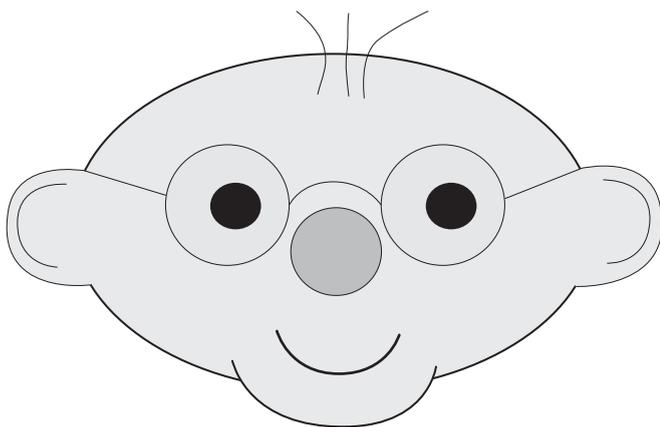
## Using This Material

Although the vocabulary level of "Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment" is very simple, the story which is contained within the first fifteen pages should be read to the child by an adult. Evaluate the child's understanding of the story by seeing if he or she can relate the story characters to the note quiz on page 16. If the child readily comprehends the note quiz, proceed to page 18 and the placement of stickers on the keyboard. If the child has difficulty in relating the characters to the notes, read the story again, emphasizing the characters' positions in the apartment. Repetition of the characters' names and their places in the apartment is sometimes needed for children ages four to five. When the child's identification of the notes is close to perfect, proceed to song one. Have the child name the notes out loud from song one as they play them on their instrument.

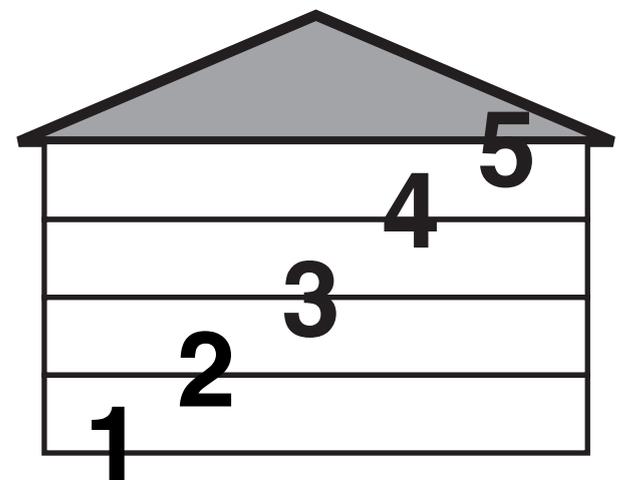
## Outline of Teaching Procedure

1. Read story to child. (pages 1-15)
2. Evaluate child's understanding of story by note quiz on page 16, or supplementary quiz cards.
3. Emphasize the characters' positions in the apartment or read the story again if the child has difficulty with beginning notation reading.
4. Have the child, with assistance from an adult, place the stickers on the keyboard.
5. Proceed to song one, having child practice playing notes on keyboard.
6. The story of "Mr. Everybody's Musical Apartment" is also narrated on a CD. You can use this CD as a self-teaching or reinforcement tool. Since listening is a necessity in learning music, have the child listen and sing along with the six story songs. Repeated listening of the CD will instill a melodic and rhythmic feeling in the child for these six songs.
7. There are also CD Rehearsal Tracks for teaching the child how to play with an accompaniment while using their counting ability.

Here is a man who knows everybody,  
and everybody knows him.  
For this reason they called him  
MR. EVERYBODY or MR. "E" for short.

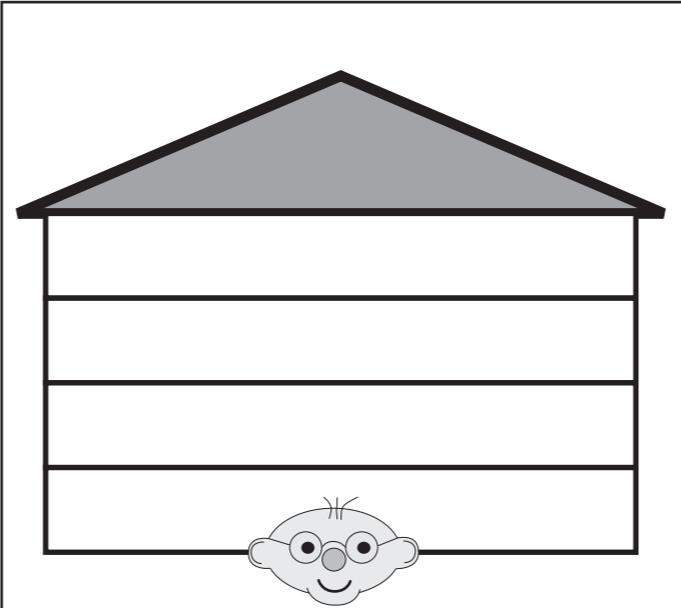


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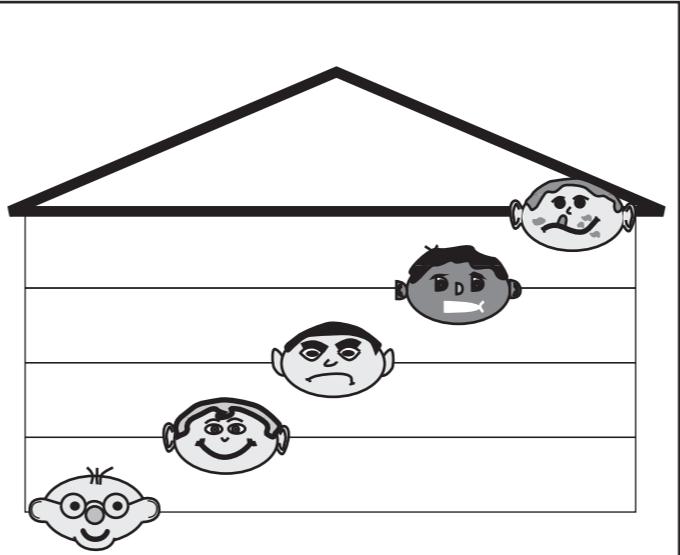
Mr. Everybody is the landlord  
of this five story apartment building.

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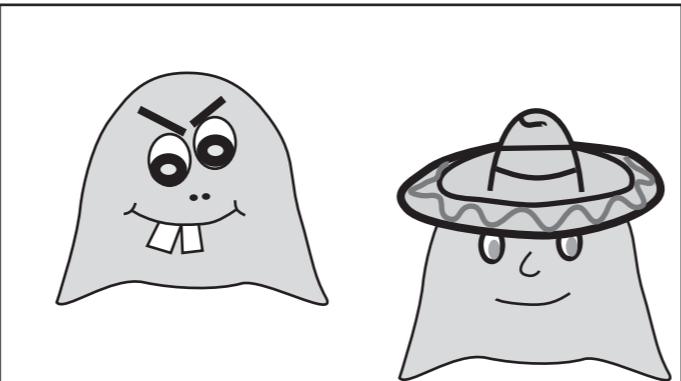
Mr. Everybody,  
who is also called Mr. "E",  
lives on the first floor.

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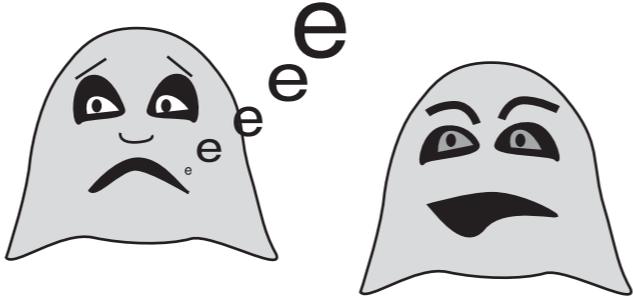


Mr. "E" rents his apartments  
to some boys.  
He has a boy living on each floor.

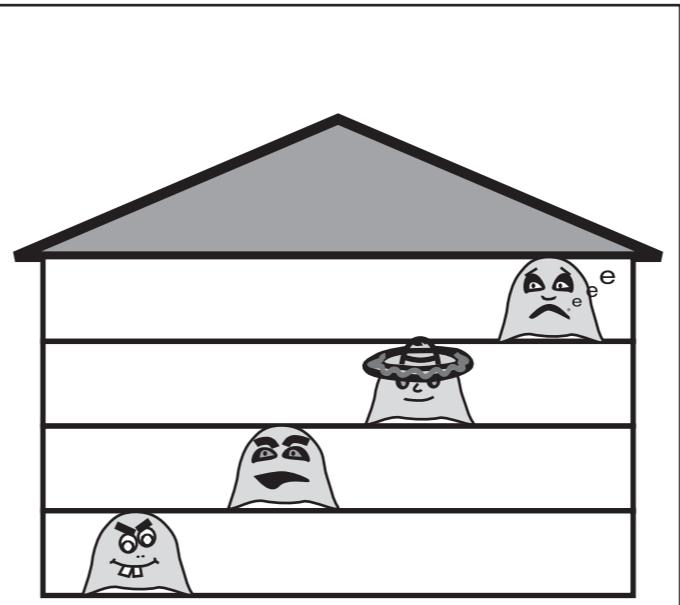
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Mr. "E's" apartment building  
is haunted...



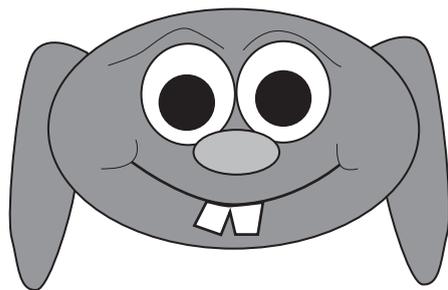
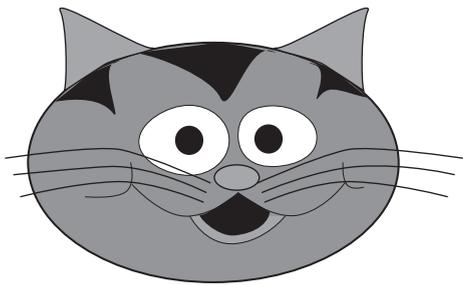
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Four ghosts with funny faces  
live in the spaces between the floors.

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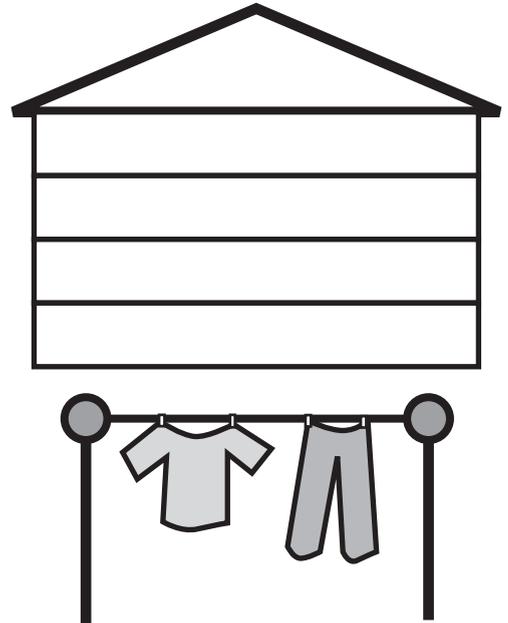




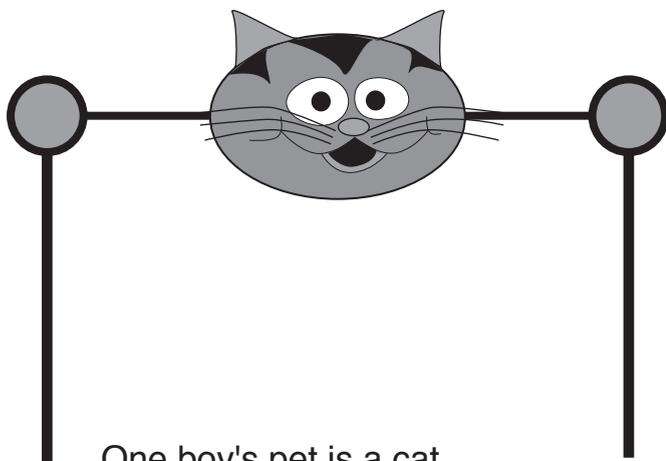
Some of the boys  
who live in the building  
have pets.

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The pets live in the basement.  
In the basement Mr. "E"  
has a clothes line  
where the boys can hang up  
their wash.



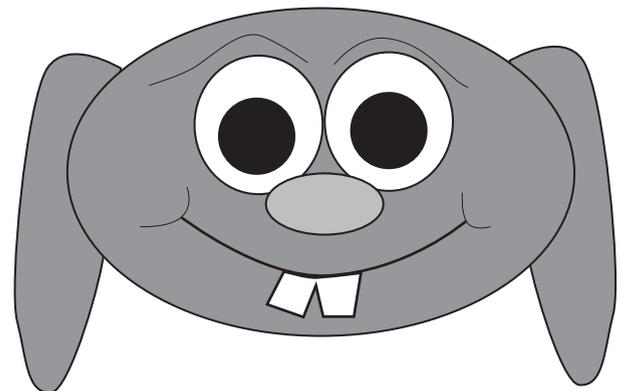
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One boy's pet is a cat.  
This is the craziest cat,  
you have ever seen.  
Every time the boys  
go down to the basement  
to wash and dry their clothes,  
this crazy cat walks on the line.  
So the boys call her Crazy Cat.

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One boy's pet is a dog. This is the  
dumbest dog you have ever seen.  
When this dumb dog sees Crazy Cat  
walking on the clothes line,  
he chases her.



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Remember, Crazy Cat is on the clothes line,  
Dumb Dog is hanging on the basement ceiling,  
and Mr. "E" lives on the first floor.  
Everybody knows that!

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Can you tell which note is  
Crazy Cat, Dumb Dog, or Mr. "E"?

Be careful!  
Sometimes Crazy Cat, Dumb Dog,  
or Mr. "E" will wear a stem  
or color in their faces.  
Don't let them fool you!

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Line 1: c d e e d c  
Line 2: d e e d c

Congratulations! You didn't let  
Crazy Cat, Dumb Dog, or Mr. "E"  
fool you.  
Now find Crazy Cat, Dumb Dog,  
and Mr. "E"  
on the little keyboard  
at the bottom of the page.

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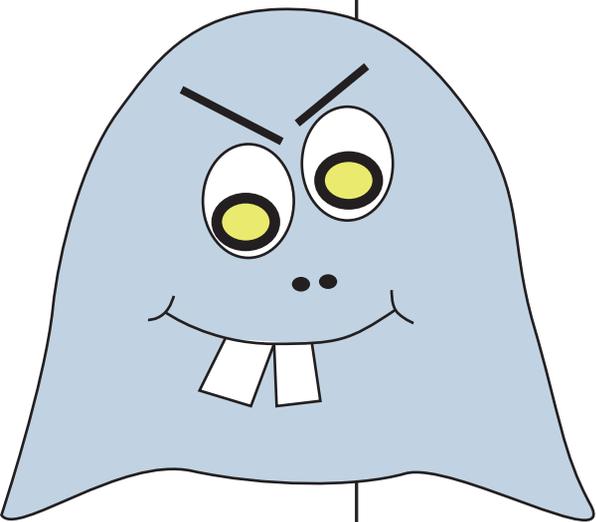
Now find your  
Dumb Dog, Crazy Cat, and Mr. "E"  
stickers that came with this book.

Ask your parents or teacher  
to help you place the stickers  
on you piano or keyboard.

**Brandname**

**Note to parents or teachers:** Place Crazy Cat to the left of the two black keys in the center of the keyboard (see picture above). The first letter of the piano's brand name is usually directly above this key. A small xylophone or bell set is also a good beginning instrument for children.

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Now that you know Crazy Cat, Dumb Dog, and Mr. "E" and can play three songs, you are ready to meet Funny Face.



Great! You are now ready to play your first song which is on the next page. Name the first note in Song 1 and then play it on your keyboard.

Now name and play the other notes as they appear.

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### My Three Friends (Song 1)

Mu - sic is fun you see

when I sing with you and me.

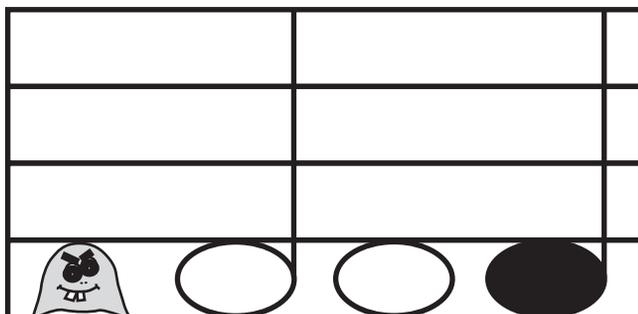
C D E on the bells,

are the notes that I can tell.

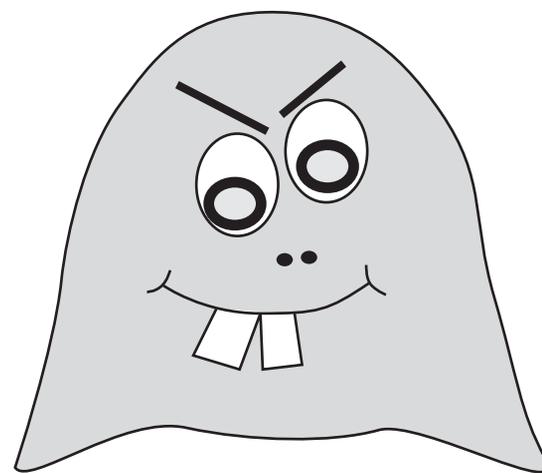
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Funny Face is the ghost who lives between the floors on the first space. He tries to scare you by making funny faces. He also likes to fool you by wearing a stem or by coloring in his face.

**BEWARE!**  
Just remember he lives between the floors in the first space.



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