

Christine Preißinger: The Ink Fly

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- Elementary school, children 6 to 9 years old
- Poem and song „Die Tintenfliege“ (Hans Baumann, Fredrik Vahle)

<https://youtu.be/0uH0l8dnmLg>

The Ink Fly

This poem for children is by Hans Baumann, the composition by Fredrik Vahle

The text presents us a very adventurous fly that took a bath in an ink glass, just for fun, without any intention to do any harm to anybody.

The little Hubert had to write one hundred words with the letter “U”. However, the next day the teacher was very surprised.

All the letters “U” appeared as “Ü”. The teacher laughed and asked little Hubert for an explanation.

“It was not me who slobbered all the ‘U’s, the Ink Fly has scrawled over my paper.”

The teacher answered wisely “I shall invite her. She has delighted us all and we let her bath again.”

- While watching the video, children can join in reciting the poem, clapping to the beat and singing the song.
- I made this Video for my 2nd grade class.
My first intention was to cheer them up, because they do not really understand the situation we are in and, of course, they suffer because they cannot be in school with their friends (and their teacher).
These children have just started to practice writing with a fountain pen, so I thought this poem might be a good opportunity to deal with this subject.
Since there has been a great feedback, I shall continue to produce such videos for them.
- I uploaded the videos on YouTube (not listed) and sent the link by Email to the parents.
- I am a classroom teacher at an elementary school (2nd grade) and also teach music in several other classes.
Every year we organise performances with different themes including Orff-Schulwerk, choral works and dance presentations.