Ideas to Get You Started...

Kazoo

- Cut out a piece of waxed paper big enough to fit over one end of a cardboard tube (toilet paper or paper towel roll).
- Securely wrap the piece of waxed paper around one end of the tube and use a rubber band to hold it in place.
- Make sure that there are no gaps between the waxed paper and the tube. If the paper feels loose, use more rubber bands.
- Using a pencil, carefully punch a hole in the side of the tube near the waxed paper.
- Hum or sing into the opposite, open end of the tube.

Straw Oboe

- Flatten the last ½ inch of a straw with your fingers.
- Cut off the top 2 corners of the flattened portion of the straw so that it looks like an upside down V.
- Place the V end in your mouth.
- Tighten your lips and blow through the straw. Do you hear a buzzing noise?
- Now cut off an inch of the straw end not in your mouth.
- Listen to the sound your shorter straw makes. What do you notice about the sound? How did it change?

Straw Trombone

- Make a Straw Oboe.
- Place the Straw Oboe inside a larger straw, with the mouth end sticking out.
- Blow through the Straw Oboe and slide the large straw to change the pitch.

Straw Oboe Megaphone

- Make a Straw Oboe.
- Cut out a small hole at the bottom of a snow cone cup. Make sure it is just big enough for your Straw Oboe to fit through.
- Place your Straw Oboe through the snow cone cup with the mouth end sticking out of the pointed end of the cup. Tape it together with masking tape.
- Blow through the Straw Oboe and notice what happens.

Goose Call

- Tie a piece of yarn to a paper clip.
- Have an adult help you poke a hole in the bottom center of a plastic cup.
- Thread the other end of the yarn through the hole in the bottom of the cup so the paper clip is inside the cup.
- Wet your thumb and first finger with water.
- While holding the cup in your dry hand, pinch the yarn where it reaches the cup.
- Pull down on the yarn away from the cup, letting it slide through your fingers.

Pluck Drums

- Get a plastic cup.
- Get a balloon and cut off the end where you blow into it.
- Stretch the balloon and then place over the top of the cup. The balloon's rubber should be stretchy enough to hold it in place.
- Pinch a little of the balloon over the top of the cup between your thumb and index finger.
- Pull up slightly and let go.

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