

Member Jennifer Gould shared information about the book:

Teaching the child singer: Pediatric Pedagogy for Ages 5-13 by Dana Lentini

It uses a 5 step system:

1. Mind/body warm ups
2. Breathing and posture
3. Musicianship (solfeggi, beats, history of music)
4. Vocalizing
5. Repertoire - words that a singer can pronounce and understand

The goals for ages 5-7 are to "discover your voice", ages 8-10 "learn your voice", and ages 11-13 "grow your voice". We also discussed the differences in European vs American ideals for young singers (especially choral singing - European is more professional) and why so many teachers are hesitant to take on children. Next month, how do you (or the parent) know the student is progressing? Let's discuss ways we evaluate progress. See you Tuesday, September 12th at 8:45am.