What is Sound? Lessons

Websites

Hunkin's Experiments – Sound Experiments
Lists experiments for resonance, more resonance, music, noise, and paper noise. Kid-friendly interface with direction in a cartoon format. Reading level most likely too high for 2nd grade, but a fun site. Other non-sound science experiments available here.
( http://www.hunkinsexperiments.com/themes/themes_sound.htm )

Science of Sound: Hands on Activities
This Science Museum of Minnesota site has a list of hands on activities and brief explanations of the related sound principles. Not all activities may be appropriate for 2nd grade children.
( http://www.smm.org/sound/activity/handson.htm )

The Saturday Scientist – Sound Experiments
A list of experiments for anyone to try that illustrate the principles behind the science of sound. The site has some background information, recommended primarily for teachers or interested adults.
( http://www.west.net/~science/sound.htm )

The Science of Sound – Hands on Technology
This is a series of experiments about sound and its application to animals, musical instruments and communications. This unit was designed for use in the second grade. Good site for teachers that just need more sound experiments for this age group.
( http://www.galaxy.net/~k12/sound/#exper )

The Unmuseum – Experiment with Sound
A single experiment that demonstrates sound as vibration. Easy to read, but probably more for older kids and adults.
( http://unmuseum.mus.pa.us/exsound.htm )
What is Sound? Lessons

Books

A Fiddle for Angus
By Budge Wilson; illustrated by Susan Tooke. (2006, Tundra Books)
A beautifully illustrated story about Angus, a young boy who uses the music of the sea, rocks, and wind as the inspiration to choose and master an instrument so he can join his family’s orchestra.

Hearing Sounds (Science for Fun)
By Gary Gibson; illustrated by Tony Kenyon. (1997, Franklin Watts)
Innovative ideas for experiments with sound are carefully explained with minimal text in this step-by-step guide that facilitates a child’s understanding of vibrations, bouncing sounds, and pitch. Suggested reading level: ages 4 to 8.

Hear That?
By Tama Janowitz; illustrated by Tracy Dockray. (2001, SeaStar)
A mother and son pay close attention to the sounds all around them and theorize in increasingly exaggerated and nonsensical ways about what produced them. A good picture book for reading aloud or independently.

The Listening Walk
A father and child take a walk together and listen to the sounds around them. A good picture book for reading aloud or independently.

Sounds All Around (Let’s-Read-and-Find-Out Science)
By Wendy Pfeffer; illustrated by Holly Keller. (1998, HarperCollins)
Focuses on how sounds are made and used for communication. Text is child-friendly and accessible for many independent readers. Also a good read-aloud.
**Sounds and Music (Secrets of Science)**
Contains projects, experiments, and activities aimed at exploring music and other sounds. Text is child-friendly, but probably too difficult for many second graders to read independently. A good reference book for the unit.

**Vroomaloom, Zoom**
By John Coy; illustrated by Joe Cepeda. (2010, Nodin Press)
A child and her father take a drive when the little girl can’t fall asleep. The noises they hear along the way are highlighted and represented with inventive use of language and lots of onomatopoeias! A good picture book for reading aloud or independently.

**CDs and DVDs**

**Fantasia**
Disney Studios, 2010.
Classical music reinterpreted by Disney animators, resulting in surreal fantasy and playful escapism.
A Fiddle for Angus is a charming tale. This is a very fine book quote. Find all the best picture quotes, sayings and quotations on PictureQuotes.com. A Fiddle for Angus is a charming tale. This is a very fine book. This Is A Book Quotes Alistair MacLeod Quotes. Get Your Ex Back With Magical Texts Make Him Desire You What Men Secretly Want. See All Alistair MacLeod Quotes. Fit as a Fiddle, an album by Natalie MacMaster, was released in 1997 on the Rounder Records label. "Strathspeys & Reels" â€“ 4:20. "John Campbell's" (strathspey). "Miss Ann Moir's Birthday" (strathspey). "Lady Georgina Campbell" (reel). "Angus on the Turnpike" (reel). "Sheehan's Reel" (reel). "Jigs" â€“ 3:07. "My Dungannon Sweetheart" (jig). "Scawfies Cairet" (jig). "Juniper Jig" (jig). "March, Strathspeys & Reels" â€“ 6:48. "Carnival March" (march). "Miller Angus takes lessons from Murdoch MacDougall, a local fiddle player. Angus is committed to coaxing the music out of the fiddle, and after several months of lessons and practice, Angus joins the family orchestra and plays his fiddle. Angus is filled with happiness! Angus's growth as an individual and musician is contextualized in Cape Breton's musical heritage. Angus is a perceptive boy who appreciates and respects music - he hears music in his head, and at the beach - the churning of the waves, the sounds of the sandpipers, the sighing of the wind, the squawking of the seagulls and th