

Notes from the music room...



Through many singing games and movement activities, students are continuing to learn about the elements of music: rhythm, beat, form, expression, harmony, timbre, and style. In the kindergarten and first grade classes, feeling a beat and learning about simple rhythms have been an important focus. We have played four beat rhythm patterns while listening to some “popular” music selections and have created rhythmic movements to various traditional songs or classical repertoire as well. Saint-Saens’ Carnival of the Animals has been a particular favorite in all grades for learning about rhythm, instrument timbres and tempo. Second and third grade students have practiced more complicated rhythms and have also had an opportunity to apply some of their skills to our classroom ukuleles. Third grade students have had some lessons on recorders as well! I have been impressed with the musicianship of our students at all levels!

As the weather warms up, we’ll be looking forward to partaking in some music activities that are more suited for the outdoors, including “active” singing games that involve some running as well as drum circles for practicing skills and improvising! We’ll also be preparing for our evening concerts. **Please note the change in dates:**

Evening Spring Concert for Grades 2 and 3 – April 20th, 6:30 pm

Evening Spring Concert for Kindergarten and Grade 1 – May 4th, 6:30 pm

Thanks again for all of your support of the music program. Please call or e-mail me if you have any questions! Wendy Valastro