

Music Notes

Week Ending November 11, 2011

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten students are focusing on exploration of their voices, keeping the steady beat when singing and playing instruments. The kindergarteners continue to learn the songs they will be singing on the school Christmas Program. They are also exploring direction in movement.

Grade 1

The First Graders are focusing on exploration of their voices, keeping the steady beat when singing and playing instruments, and growing in their understanding of rhythm. They are learning the songs they will be singing on the school Christmas Program.

Grade 2

The Second Graders are learning the songs for the upcoming Christmas Program. They also explored mirroring in movement.

Grade 3

The Third Graders are learning the songs for the upcoming Christmas Program. These students will have speaking and instrument playing roles in this program, along with singing. I was very impressed with our Third Graders this week, when they were able to find a particular "mystery rhythm" notated on the board in one of their Christmas songs. They were able to do this without first speaking the rhythm together or singing the song yet that day. They are brilliant!

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Grade 4

The Fourth Graders are continuing to experience the 4 16th-notes rhythm in various songs and rhythms. This week, they learned "Chicken on a Fencepost." They enjoyed a circle dance to this tune as well as learning to play the Orff accompaniment - 4 different parts played at the same time, in addition to their singing!

Grade 5

The Fifth Graders played a couple of songs this week that included the new note "high C." They also had a lot of practice labeling the note letter names of the notes on the treble staff. They will have a quiz on this on Monday, November 14.

Thank you for your support.

Blessings,
Sr. Marie