



# October Newsletter

## ~ Music ~

### **Pre-K/Kindergarten**

In Pre-K and Kindergarten, we are continuing to get to know each other through music while playing musical games to get us up and moving! In Kindergarten we are listening to music from Encanto for Hispanic Heritage month, and learning some introductory concepts about rhythm and melody! As the days get shorter, we will be singing songs about the changing seasons and do fun musical activities related to Halloween and Autumn!

### **1st, 2nd**

In 1st and 2nd grade, we are learning and reviewing the elements of music, focusing on rhythm as well as melody. In October, we will continue to explore rhythm and the other elements of music through activities with the music from Encanto, for Hispanic Heritage Month. In addition to this, we will engage in some super spooky music activities as Halloween draws near!

### **3rd and 4th**

In 3rd and 4th grade, we are learning about the music of Encanto and what went into creating the music in the movie. In the process, we are learning about Colombian music, including Colombian musical artists and instruments. We are learning about the incredible research, time and thought that went into creating the music for this film, and what is special about it. Later on in the month we will be reviewing elements of music such as rhythm, melody, dynamics, meter, and pitch. We will do this through Halloween-themed activities.

### **5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th**

In middle school we are learning about the music of Encanto for Hispanic Heritage month. In addition to learning about the music's Colombian influence, and the instruments and people involved, we are learning about musical storytelling - how the songs and music of Encanto serve to further the plot of the movie through deliberate musical choices in the melodies, rhythms, and lyrics of the songs. Later in October, we will be reviewing the history of Halloween and writing our own songs about it!