



November Newsletter

~ Music ~

Pre-K/Kindergarten

In Pre-K and Kindergarten, we have been experiencing all kinds of different ways to engage with music, such as singing, clapping and moving to music! As the months grow colder, we will learn songs related to the seasons and what we are learning about in school, and in Kindergarten we will also begin to explore different instruments and their families!

1st, 2nd, & 3rd

The 1st - 4th grade classes have been learning all about rhythm, moving to a steady beat, and clapping rhythms with different note values. In November, we will continue to learn about rhythm and different note values through clapping rhythms, playing rhythm games, singing songs, and creating our own rhythms, while also beginning to explore melody! We will also be tying in other elements of music, such as dynamics and tempo, as we exercise our musical and creative brains through a variety of games and activities. In 3rd grade, we will be gearing up for playing recorders in the Spring through learning more about musical notation as part of our exploration.

4th and 5th Grade

In 4th and 5th grade, we will be exploring what it means to be a composer, a conductor and an arranger, while reviewing musical concepts such as rhythm, melody and meter. As part of this exploration, we will be creating our own compositions and arrangements as a class, practicing our conducting skills, and playing games to enhance our learning!

6th, 7th, 8th

In 6th, 7th and 8th grade, we will be exploring how music can enhance our appreciation of the world around us, practicing gratitude as we approach Thanksgiving. If all falls into place, we will also begin to explore music in a more active and creative way as we work on creating our own pieces of music both individually and as a class.