

MUSIC NEWS!



Saddle Peak Elementary

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Notes from Fourth Grade Music

What We Are Learning!

Our main focus in the first half of the month will be finishing up our unit on half notes. We will culminate our unit with a small composition project.

After half notes, we will spend a few class periods working on drawing the Treble Clef and identifying Treble Clef notes names. This will make us ready to play... **Recorders!**

Each Saddle Peak fourth grader will be given a recorder. Students can choose to leave their recorder in the music room or bring it home for practice. If a recorder is lost, an additional recorder may be purchased from the office for \$3. We will be learning to play recorder throughout February and March. More information will be coming home about that soon.

Online Resources for Rhythm

There are several great online resources for reading rhythms. Below are a few of my favorites. They will also be available on our Saddle Peak music website.

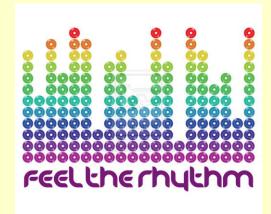
http://www.therhythmtrainer.com/

http://www.musictheory.net

http://www.musictheoryfundamentals.com/

http://classicsforkids.com

http://trainer.thetamusic.com/



Coming Up...

We will attend the Bozeman Symphony Children's Concert in February. This is an annual fourth grade field trip for the entire Gallatin Valley. Specific information will be sent home soon.

What We Can Do at Home

- Show how to count simple rhythms when encountered in real life.
- Begin to discuss appropriate concert behavior for attending the symphony.
- Sing! And Dance!