MUSIC NEWS!

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Notes from Kindergarten Music

What We Do!

During the month of November, we will be working on learning the elements of our "Demonstration Concert." The demonstration concert won't be much different from what we normally do in class. Last month, I talked about "Pitch Exploration." Another element of our musical workout is **Echo Singing.**

Echo Singing involves songs where the teacher sings a phrase and a students sing back. This leads to students being confident singing without an adult leading. Their ears are forced to listen to each other to try to mimic the sounds of the adult singer. This is very similar to how the students learned to speak. By using "baby talk," young babies learn to mimic sounds made by adults. Using echo singing results in better singers because students will listen for the correct musical pitches. Students will also, unknowingly, copy the style of singing used with each song – so we get to explore lots of different sounds in fun and safe ways!

Lyrics for our winter concert songs will be available online at saddlepeakmusic.weebly.com

Simple Songs We Know

We know: **Frog in the Meadow,** and **Pitter Patter** from September.
In October we learned:
Johnny Had One Friend: Johnny had one friend, one friend, one friend. Johnny had one friend, Johnny had two! (etc… with 2,3,4 friends) and
Fais Dodo (Cajun Lullaby): Fais Dodo and let us go dreaming. Fais Dodo come dreaming with me.

Ask your child to sing for you! ☺

Concert Times!

The Kindergarten Winter Concert will be a "Demonstration Concert" taking the audience through a typical music class. The concert will feature winter-themed songs, rhymes, and movement. Be on the lookout on our website for the lyrics to our winter songs.

Monday, December 5th:
ALL Kindergarteners: 6:00 PM

Saddle Peak Gym

What We Can Do at Home

- Move to music freely and expressively. Also move/clap to the beat of different kinds of music.
- Sing simple songs together at home.
- Look on the music website for lyrics of some of the songs we are learning in class!