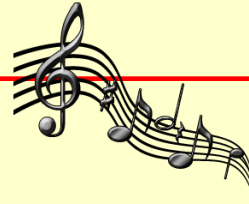


MUSIC NEWS!



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Notes from Kindergarten Music

What We Do!

The beginning of every music class is spent exploring all the sounds our voices are capable of producing. This is called "Pitch Exploration!" We have begun the year with imitations of Mrs. Herdina's voice. Sometimes we say a poem with high and low voices, sometimes we make sounds that follow the direction of an object like a pipe cleaner. By the end of the year, we will be able to make high and low sounds with our voices all by ourselves – no demonstration necessary!

Why do we do this? When we are young (4-7 years old) we are still figuring out how to use our voices. Some of us can use our voices to sing, some of us have only ever produced low sounds or speaking sounds. The goal of pitch exploration in Kindergarten music is to exercise our voices so that we can learn to access the high and low parts of our voices. Once we have mastered this, our singing voices will become better – and you will be able to recognize the melodies we sing as being "in tune!"

Simple Songs We Know

The two songs we've really worked on in September are "Frog in the Meadow" and "Pitter Patter." Ask us to sing them for you!

Frog in the Meadow: Frog in the meadow, can't get him out, take a little stick and stir him about.

Pitter Patter: Pitter Patter, Pitter Patter, listen to the rain. Pitter Patter, Pitter Patter, on my window pane.

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

- Listen to music and move to the beat in the car and at home (clapping and marching are great, simple movements).
- Sing songs together. Ask your child to teach you the simple songs they learn in the Kindergarten Music Room.
- Attend concerts as a family. The Bozeman Symphony offers a \$50 family pass which allows an entire family to attend symphony dress rehearsals for the entire season. Free concerts are also often available at MSU through the School of Music. Live music events are great opportunities for families to spend quality time together.

