

Music Notes

Happy November! Just as the trees have been ablaze with the lovely colors of autumn, the Music Room has been brimming over with beautiful sounds this month.

The Kindergarten students have been demonstrating musical opposites (**fast/slow, loud/soft, up/down, high/low**) while singing, moving and playing. Our new favorite game is *The Old Gray Cat*.

The first graders have been practicing songs and rhythms with **quarter notes, eighth notes and rests**. One of our new favorites is *Nora's Room* by Jessica Harper.

The second grade students have shown expert skills at demonstrating **awesome audience manners and concert etiquette** while preparing for their trip to the Strathmore Performing Arts Center. They have analyzed a number of concert pieces for **dynamics, tempo, instrument families, and form**.

The third grade students have been working on the vocal skills of breath support and phrasing. The students have also been working on identifying parts of the **treble staff (treble clef, measures, barlines, lines, spaces)**.

Fourth grade students have been notating, performing and composing rhythmic compositions, using specific phrase forms, that include **sixteenth note rhythms**.

Fifth grade students have been learning about the musical form, **theme and variations**. They have been having lively discussions about the musical processes that a composer may use to create a **variation**.

Please mark your calendars for our **Chorus and Instrumental Music Winter Concert on Friday, January 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM**.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be your child's music teacher.

-Mrs. Pfaff