

Music Happenings in November

Kindergarten

Kindergartners continue to practice steady beat and develop their whispering, talking, calling and singing voices. More students are succeeding in matching sung pitches. They move to the beat, to the “rhythm of the words”, and together. They are playing rhythm sticks to the steady beat and “rhythm of the words. Our Thanksgiving song is “Five Fat Turkeys”.

First Grade

First graders continue to move to steady beat and “rhythm of the words” with new songs and chants: “See-Saw”, “Miss White Had a Fright”, “Bee, Bee, Bumblebee”. They will be reading rhythms with quarter notes and eighth notes, listening and moving with high/low sounds, especially “so” and “mi” and using songs like “Hey, Hey”. The students will be using their imaginations by making up their own words to the songs. Our Thanksgiving song is based on the book [here](#) Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie. First graders continue to earn Super Singer certificates by matching sung pitches.

Second Grade

Second graders are SO excited about their Second Grade Family Music Night on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30pm in the Georgetown gym. It is called “Our Stars Come Out at Night”. The second graders are the stars. All of the songs are about the night time. Every child has a special instrument part to play. Students wear plain black or very dark-colored shirts and blue jeans. A bright yellow waist sash will represent moonlight, starlight, and firefly light.

The second graders will perform their musical program at 2:00pm for the students and staff of our school.

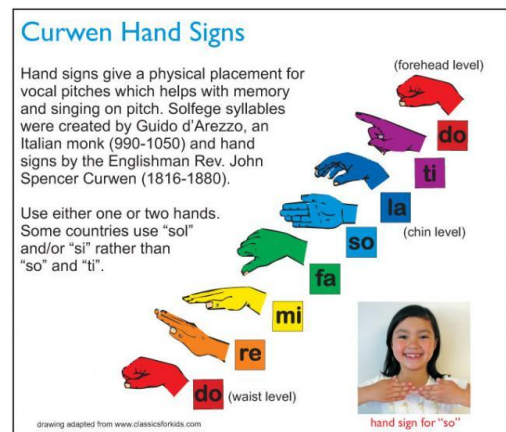
The second grade Thanksgiving song is “Over the River and Through the Wood”.

Third Grade

Third graders continue to practice rhythm and melody note reading. They are getting ready for new notation: sixteenth notes and high “do”. New music vocabulary includes: treble clef or G clef; 5-line staff, and double bar line. The basic concept of reading left to right in order to determine the direction of a series of notes is applied to music they read and notate.

Third graders are learning a modern-day version of “Over the River and through the Wood”, based on the traditional song, but taking place in a mini-van in New York City!!

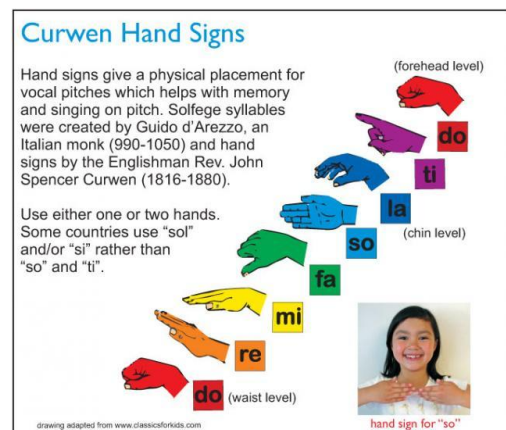
Students continue to do an incredible job of earning their Super Singer certificates.



Fourth Grade

Fourth graders are delving into music reading with a vengeance!!! They are working in a new music book called Patterns of Sound which is all about singing/reading music with “solfa” syllables (do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti and do). And using Curwen hand signs as tools to learn. The students have developed incredibly tuneful singing voices. The sound of their singing would light up anyone’s day.

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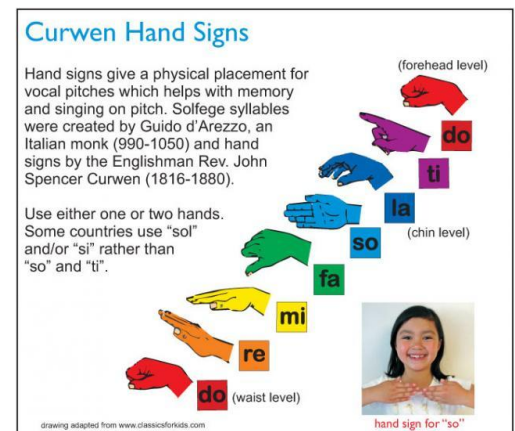
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Fifth Grade

Fifth Graders are sight-singing eight-measure melodies in C major. This involves accurately matching pitches with singing voice, using Curwen hand signs for each syllable of the scale (do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti and do), recognizing each step of the scale, observing the rhythmic value of each note, counting measures, and, very importantly, listening and working together. Working together requires respecting each other, the music, and the skill set needed for success. Making music is a disciplined endeavor. The end product is worth every moment of effort and concentration.



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