

## GRADE 3 - PARENT MUSIC LETTER

Dear Family,

What an exciting, musical school year is in store for your third grader! This year your child will continue to learn new skills and concepts that will form the foundation for a lifetime of musical enjoyment.

In the first few weeks together, your child will learn to play movement and counting games with music. Through poetry, he or she will begin to explore the concepts of beat and rhythm, learning how rhythm is written in musical pieces by using a staff with measures, notes and rests. Listening to and singing traditional melodies from different cultures will serve as an introduction to pitch (*do, re, mi*) and to the special sounds - tone color - of various instruments. These songs also highlight the universal nature of music. At home, you can reinforce your child's learning by sharing music that you love.

Together we can create a musical learning experience for your child that will enrich his or her life for many years to come.

Sing-cerely,

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