

GRADE K - FAMILY MUSIC LETTER

Dear Family,

Welcome to our music page. This year, your child will be singing, dancing, trying out music instruments, and keeping time with the beat. We are fortunate to include music as a planned part of our kindergarten day. Research clearly shows how beneficial music is in expanding brain power while creating an upbeat learning environment.

Music is a natural way to increase learning opportunities in all areas. For your kindergartner, understanding rhythm lays the foundation for processing key beginning math concepts. Sing rhyming and alliterative lyrics leads to phonemic awareness. Hearing music from around the world opens the door to multicultural awareness and interest in social studies.

In these first few weeks, your child will to the beat at different tempos, learn about the violin, try playing different rhythm instruments, and begin working on good breath control and posture for singing. Your child will learn traditional folk songs, musical games, and many poems. All along the way, we will move to the beat. At times, we'll stay in place; but more often your child will walk, skip, gallop, and dance his or her way through our activities.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT HOME?

You can help reinforce the lessons your child is learning by drawing attention to the sounds you hear throughout the day. For example, really listen to your windshield wipers, a train passing by, and music on the radio.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

Is the tempo fast or slow?

How can we move to keep a steady beat with that sound?

What words could you use to describe that sound?

Whenever you can, sing together. Let your child feel the joy of music at every opportunity through the day.

Sing-cerely,

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