



Joyful Noise

Music Notes

Greetings from the Joyful Noise Music Room! We are off to a wonderful start to our new school year! There have been lots of smiles and beautiful singing coming from the music room already in September. We have enjoyed singing some old favorites, as well as learning several new songs. The children enjoyed singing the old standards of: The Wheels On the Bus, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, and Five Little Monkeys. All classes have also been singing; Make A Joyful Noise, and, If You're Happy And You Know It. In addition to our singing, we have enjoyed playing the rhythm instrument of the egg shakers and hand bells.

Beginning in October, the Pre-K classes will begin their monthly character education themes. Each month throughout the school year, the children will have a different character education theme with a story told through a classical piece of music. October's theme is contentment. The book is set to the music of Impromptu in Aflat major, by Franz Schubert. The story explains that we are all very different, yet we are all very special. We discuss the importance of being content with who we are and hope that the children understand the concept of God loving us all - no matter where we live, what we look like, or what language we speak.

October also brings lots of fun with several Halloween and Autumn seasonal songs. Some of our old favorites that we will be singing are, "Five Little Pumpkins, Oh No! Halloween is Coming and I Don't Know What I Will Be, Ghosts and Goblins (Tune: Frere Jacques), Dem Bones, and Autumn Leaves (Tune: London Bridge)".

Each month throughout the year, the playgroups and 3 year old classes will learn a different nursery rhyme. The children all enjoyed Humpty Dumpty during September. The nursery rhyme for October will be Hey Diddle Diddle. The Cat and the Fiddle.

Also beginning this month, the music staff will be introducing the string family to the children through aural and sight recognition activities. We will be learning about various string family members including the violin, viola, cello, autoharp, and both the acoustical and electric guitars. The children will be exposed to listening to the sound of these different instruments, and recognizing what that instrument looks like by identifying its picture. We invite and encourage any family member who plays a string instrument to share your gifts and talents with us. You are welcome to join us during your child's music class time, or any amount of time you could spare. The children love to share their families with their classmates. Please contact the office to talk with any of the music staff. We look forward to having you join us in the music room!

Several times throughout the year, all the children of Joyful Noise will participate in what we call a "Sanctuary Visit". This is where we provide the children with the opportunity for all classes to come together in the sanctuary to hear a Bible story and sing several of the songs from music class. All of the children enjoy seeing friends and siblings at sanctuary visit time, and it is heart warming to hear all of the children's voices singing together! Our sanctuary songs for October include B-I-B-L-E (Tune: Bingo), Jesus Loves Me, Make A Joyful Noise, Hallelu, Hallelu, Praise Ye The Lord and If You're Happy And You Know It.

Information on monthly music activities can be found on the Joyful Noise website under the music newsletter tab. A lyrics page will also be included in each month's newsletter. In addition to the newsletter, a weekly sheet will hang on the bulletin board outside of every classroom to inform you of what your children are doing in music class each week. Please feel free to contact any of the music staff with any questions.

Pre-K Enrichment programs will begin in October. We are happy to offer a Sing and Ring Enrichment program this month. This music enrichment program will offer children the opportunity to learn to ring bells while singing some familiar songs. The songs are simple songs that the children probably already know: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Jesus Loves Me, etc. The bells are color-coded and the children ring their bell as they match their color bell to their color on the chart. We have a lot of fun while building and growing their listening and motor skills along with enhancing their music skills. We enjoy sharing the songs we've learned to Sing and Ring with the participant's parents at the end of the Enrichment class sessions. We look forward to having you join us for this program.

Thank you again for the blessing of your children. We look forward to singing our praises to God through our music!

2018-2019 Music Staff:

Mondays: Mrs. Rossetti and Mrs. Houston

Tuesdays: Mrs. Rossetti and Mrs. Houston

Wednesdays: Mrs. Rossetti and Mrs. Houston

Thursdays: Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Plott

Fridays: Mrs. Rossetti and Mrs. Ribaldo

With a song in our hearts,

Mrs. Rossetti, Mrs. Houston, Mrs. Plott and Mrs. Ribaldo