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MUSIC NOTES - JANUARY 2019



Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had a Blessed Holiday Season, and we wish everyone Joy and Blessings for 2019. The music staff would like to thank all the children, families, and staff for the support and time and energy that was shown to help make all of the Christmas Celebration programs so beautiful. The music staff was blessed to have the opportunity to share the Christmas story through song with the children and Joyful Noise families and friends. Thank You one and all!

We look forward to starting the new year with a few familiar favorite songs to sing; Follow The Star, Allelu, Praise Ye The Lord, and Happy All The Time. Happy All The Time is a classic favorite for us in the music room. You will hear lots of giggling (and silliness) as we increase the tempo (and volume) of the song each time we sing it. The children learned, "Allelu, Praise Ye The Lord", earlier in the school year. We will continue with this song and add call and response singing, along with standing and sitting as each part is sung. The children enjoy the fast tempo and the constant movement throughout the song. "Follow The Star" was a Celebration song depicting the three Wise Men following the star to bring their gifts to Baby Jesus. We will sing it through January 6th as we discuss and celebrate Epiphany with the children. Additional songs for the month include: " God Is So Good; Hey, Hey You're My Neighbor; and, I Love You Lord." Please see the lyrics page of the newsletter for additional song lyrics.

The Character Education theme for the Pre-K classes will be self – control. The sing-a-story book will help children to realize that they must practice self-control when they are tempted to do something that they shouldn't. The music for the book is set to the classical selection of; Finale from "Light Calvary Overture" by Suppe.

Pre-K classes will also learn the song, Months of the Year (Tune of Ten Little Indians). The Playgroups and 3 year old classes will focus on "This Old Man" as their nursery rhyme for the month. We will continue to work with the children on counting to ten by using their fingers.

As time permits, we will enhance our winter themed music to our curriculum for the months of January and February. We enjoy listening to the book of Frosty The Snowman, sung by Kenny Loggins. We hope to eventually add rhythm sticks to the music of Frosty The Snowman. We will use our imaginations to build snowmen, freeze and melt, and ice skate to the music of the Skater's Waltz.

The Percussion Family of instruments will be introduced to the children throughout January and February. We will enjoy playing various rhythm instruments to different song selections. Rhythm sticks, egg shakers, and bells will initially be used. We will expose the children to the sounds of different and unique rhythm instruments. For example; a gong, cabasa, finger cymbals, and various drums. We again invite any parent or family member who is a percussionist to join us for your child's music class to demonstrate and share your talents with us. Please do not hesitate to contact the Joyful Noise office and ask to speak to someone in the music department.

Happy New Year to All!

With a song in our hearts,

Mrs. Debbie Rossetti, Mrs. Meghan Houston, Mrs. Tricia Plott and Mrs. Christine Ribaudó