

## Grade 1 Music (November 2015)

Music is enjoyed and appreciated through songs, games, and creative movement. Concepts we have been working on include keeping a steady beat, loud and quiet (dynamics), fast and slow (tempo). Students have also been introduced to reading rhythms that use Tah (quarter note), ti-ti (eighth note pairs), and quarter rests.

Some of our favourite songs so far are: *Sam the Robot Man*, *3 Little Monkeys*, and *7 Habits song "Soar"*- sung to *Katy Perry's Roar*. Children have also had opportunities to add instruments such as drums and metalophones to our music classroom repertoire.

Students have had exposure to composer Edvard Greig through our Fun with Composer program that uses story and music to help the children connect. Children listened and acted out a story about a Pier and the Mountain Trolls, the song 'In the Hall of Mountain King'.

All grade 1 students performed in the Remembrance Day Assembly singing 'Peace in My Heart'. Performing at an assembly gives us a great goal to work towards expressive singing, and a behind the scenes look at how much work it takes to be ready to sing for a performance, as well as the reward of success of a performance well done.

Currently students are working on repertoire for the school Christmas Concert on December 14 and 15.

It is my hope that through an active and varied approach to music the students will develop a deeper awareness and appreciation which will enhance their school experience and enrich their lives!

If you have any questions or would like to speak with me, please feel free to stop by at Parent Teacher.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Russell

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