

Grade 5 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 versus rhythm, dynamics, and tempo, and expressive singing. Students have also been working on reviewing and reinforcing rhythms that use Tah (quarter note), ti-ti (eighth note pairs), tica-tica (sixteenth notes) and quarter rests. We have also been working on songs to prepare us for a new syncopated rhythm (a rhythm that accents the weak beat of the measure).

Some of our favourite songs so far are: *4 White Horses (a rhythm and partner game)*, *Ghost of Tom, Concentration*, and *7 Habits song "Soar"- sung to Katy Perry's Roar*.

Students performed at our Remembrance Day Assembly, singing "Flanders Field". 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.

Students have also begun preparing for the School Christmas Concert, which will be on the mornings of December 14, and 15th.

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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