

Grade 5 Music (March 2016)

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. Students have been practicing reading notes on the staff in preparation for our keyboard unit.

Since the last report card all students have participated in preparing and performing in our Christmas concert. This term we learned about musicals and watched *'The Sound of Music'* as well as learned some of the songs (*Favourite Things*, *Do Re Mi*, and *Problem Like Maria*). Some of our favourite songs this term were: *Old Maid (singing game)*, and *Cobbler (beat passing game)*..

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,

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