

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT GRADE TWO

During the second term children completed units in gymnastics, fitness and cooperative games. Our gymnastics unit exposed children to a variety of creative balancing, travelling, rolling and proper landings. Children had the opportunity to combine many of these skills to develop their own unique routine which was shared with the class.

Our cooperative games unit helped to develop teamwork as well as to introduce each student to mini keep away and invasion type games. Our focus each day continues to emphasize good listening skills as well as following safe routines while participating in the gymnasium.

Sean Kelley

Physical Education Teacher

Music Grade Two 2017

The second term began with our preparations for the Christmas concert. It was an exciting time and I hope that you were as proud of your children as I was. They did a wonderful job!

After that, the term was basically a continuation of the first term, spending much time hearing and feeling the beat and being able to distinguish the difference between the beat of a song and the rhythm. Rhythm reading has also been a part of our routine and the children are getting quite good at reading and hearing different rhythmic patterns. The children are continuing to learn how to read music using solfege (mi, soh and la).

We have continued to work on the concepts of fast/slow and loud/soft, though now we refer to them as tempo and dynamics. The children also know the proper Italian terms for tempo and dynamics, such as forte, piano, andante, moderato, allegro and presto. We have also discussed the different families of instruments and each year we will continue to talk about instrument families hoping that the more we learn about different instruments the more we become familiar with them. Songs, of course, are the main teaching tool for all of the concepts as well as musical games.

This term we learned about the composer Ludwig van Beethoven. We studied a bit about his life and, as well, we studied his Fifth Symphony, which we covered through story, imagination and a bit of drama. So if you hear your children going through the house singing "BaNaNaNaaaa", ask them what they learned about Beethoven.

It has been an enjoyable second term and it seems hard to believe that we are now on the home stretch and will soon be preparing for our year end activities. If you have any questions or concerns about your child please don't hesitate to contact me or come and see me on Thursday evening or Friday morning for an interview.

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