

PHYSICAL EDUCATION REPORT KINDERGARTEN

During our second term, children completed a unit in gymnastics as well as a mini games and fitness unit. Our gymnastics unit focused on balancing, travelling, rolling as well as proper landings. Each child had the opportunity to create his/her own balances as well as a routine which was performed for the class.

Along with continued practice of basic loco-motor, manipulative and cooperative skills, students were also introduced to a variety of cooperative games. These games included the use of balls, beanbags, noodles, hoops and deck rings. There has also been a continued emphasis on student listening and practicing safe routines in the gymnasium each day.

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Music - Kindergarten 2017

Our second term of school has basically been a continuation of all of the concepts taught in the first term.

The term started with preparations for the Christmas Concert. The children were excited about being in their first ever Elementary School concert and we enjoyed preparing for it. I was very proud of them as I'm sure you were as well.

Class time continues to concentrate on hearing and feeling the beat, which is done through songs by clapping and tapping. As well, we have continued to spend a great deal of time learning more about the comparatives: high/low, loud/soft and fast/slow, which as simple as these seem to be, they can easily be confused and get mixed up. All of this is done through the singing of songs and the playing of musical games. As well, when appropriate, we use different rhythm instruments to keep the beat to some of the songs.

We also took some time this term to complete a study on the composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Through stories, imagination and a bit of drama, we learned about his life and we studied his Fifth Symphony. The children really enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun. If your children have gone around the house singing "BaNaNaNaaaa", ask them what it means and I'm sure they will tell you a bit about Beethoven.

I must note that I have seen quite a change in the children this term. They are growing up and are now used to the daily routine of school, which was so new to them in the beginning. They know what is expected from them now and it's so much easier to work with them. It's really nice to see and also hard to believe that their first year of school is almost over.

It has been an enjoyable second term. I am thoroughly enjoying your children. They love coming to music class and it shows in their faces each time they come through my door. I am blessed each day with lots of hugs and smiles and feel very fortunate to be teaching your children. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me and, of course, I will be available at parent/teacher.

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