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# West Road Music

## Introduction

Hello! My name is Monica Enright and I am the new music teacher here at West Road Intermediate School. It has been such a pleasure getting to know the students over the past several months. We have been very busy brushing up on old material and learning new concepts to explore, compose, and play! In this letter, I will share some of the fun music work we have been doing as well as remind you of some important dates coming up in 2020 for our fantastic musicians here at West Road.

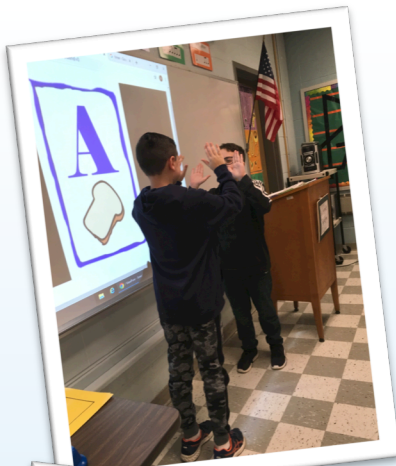


## What have we been learning in music this year?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** We are getting ready for our recorders! We have been brushing up on note names and basic rhythms. We have also been working on reading music from the staff using solfeggio syllables. So far, we know Do, Re, Mi, Sol, and La.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** We have been learning new, more complex rhythms such as sixteenth notes. We have also been developing our singing voices and music reading skills in preparation to begin learning our Spring concert music.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** We have been reviewing and working with our known rhythms and solfeggio to help prepare us for composition. We are also busy learning our new music for the Spring concert. The students are practicing their French and Japanese pronunciations!



## Questions?

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Save the Date!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 14, 2020

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert

Thursday, May 13, 2020

## Listening Library

### This semester we have listened to...

- Excerpts from the Nutcracker Suite by Peter Tchaikovsky
- The Ballet of the Unhatched Chick by Modest Mussorgsky
- In The Hall of the Mountain King by Edvard Grieg
- Yellow Submarine by The Beatles

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recorder Practice

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade recorder players are very excited to begin learning and practicing their recorder skills. The students will be preparing for an "Informance" this Spring (date TBD).

At home, students should be practicing for a few minutes each night to help build up their finger strength and note fingering memory. Encourage your child to give a mini informance at home!



## Music At Home Activity

March is Music In Our Schools Month. To celebrate music in our lives, with your child fill out the music puzzle piece by writing why you like music (found on the following page). Feel free to decorate the puzzle to your liking! Please cut out the puzzle piece and return it Ms. Enright during the month of February to be displayed in March.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students did a wonderful job at their Winter Concert on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We heard performances from the choir, band, and orchestra. Thank you to all of the family and friends who came to support our students! I am so looking forward to the Spring concert!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Book Fair Performance

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Graders had their debut performance at the evening Book Fair. The students demonstrated their ability to sing both as a group and in a multi-part round. The students did a fantastic job and are so looking forward to their next performance at the Spring concert on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



