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Kindergarten / Music Curriculum Update

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Hello Kindergarten Families,

Kindergartens started music with enthusiasm and joy. They have been busy singing, playing, dancing, and exploring the various aspects of music. We meet twice a week for 45-minutes. From February to June, we will meet once a week.

These are some of the highlights of our first eight weeks.

- Kindergartners started the music classes singing welcoming songs and playing musical games about names.
- The students have been singing a varied music repertoire, including echo songs and call and response songs in English and Spanish.
- Kindergartners are doing a great job playing the steady beat with non-pitched percussion instruments such as hand drums, shakers, and sticks.
- They continue exploring movement with the music of various tempos, dynamics, genres, and styles. A favorite activity was the scarf's dancing to abstract figures.
- They are developing basic musical notation reading with the Kodaly hand signals and symbols/pictures representing rhythms and pitches.
- Kindergartners started playing the rainbow xylophones and bells with colored-coded notes.
- They made beautiful indigenous music with big gathering drums, frame drums, and shakers from North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.
- Kindergartners had their first "Lower School Sing" on the field. They were grouped with the 1st and 2nd graders to sing together, with Alisa, Scott, and I leading the songs.
- The week of October 25-29, the students worked with songs and creative activities about Halloween. They experienced their first Park Day Halloween Parade.
- This week (November 1-5), Kindergartners will be working with a repertoire of songs, a google doc presentation about "Dia de Muertos," and a visit to the school's altar in the Magnolia building.
- In the following weeks, Kindergartners will be singing and playing songs from Winter solstice celebrations worldwide.

I am looking forward to continuing to share the universal language of music with your children.

Sincerely,

Jackie

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