

Sandra M. Soracco Music Specialist First Term

Students in Grades one through four will be reviewing all musical elements, concepts and skills learned in previous years, and learning several new concepts at each grade level.

Grade One: The students in first grade enjoy coming to music class and love to sing. We have been singing a variety of seasonal and holiday songs with movement to enhance steady tempo. I have exposed the students to the connection between literature and music by adding rhythm instruments that best represent the various characters in a book. The children have been introduced to various genres of music, and a variety of musical tempos. The students will perform in the Spring. I wish everyone a wonderful winter season and winter vacation.

Grade Two: The second grade students have been singing a variety of seasonal and holiday songs. We have integrated other disciplines such as literature, science, and art. The children particularly enjoyed this as it contained all aspects of learning. We will continue to connect literature, and science with "The Whales Song." The final product will be a creative writing project, creating and illustrating an ending to the story. Listening to whales also adds to the students' knowledge of how these creatures communicate through musical sounds. The children will learn about the history within the songs. Have a wonderful winter break.

Grade Three: The third grade students began with reviewing skills such as multiple verse, repeat signs, coda, and phrasing. These skills were taught and reviewed within the context of each new song. The children began preparation for the winter show during late fall. The performance will be in January. The students are excited to perform and are looking forward to showing you a lot of talent!! Please enjoy the winter vacation and a safe holiday.

Grade Four: The fourth grade students have reviewed skills and musical notation within the context of various songs. The children have been exposed to various genres of music and to my surprise every year, enjoy them all. The fourth grade will perform with the third grade in January, so that is our focus now. All are very excited to be showing you their talent!! I wish all a happy holiday season and vacation, and look forward to seeing you after winter break.