

April/May Music Note

Spring has sprung and the songs of Easter were part of our music curriculum in April. We sang "Here Comes Peter Cottontail", "In Like a Lion" and "Ten Little Bunnies". The latter song helped our TKs, kindergartners, and first graders perfect their skill of counting backwards from ten to one. Our youngsters have learned "de Colores", "Cielito Lindo", and "Me Gusta Mi Escuela" for the upcoming 5th of May. We are singing songs from the Gold Rush including "Gold Fever" and "I Love You, California", our state song.

April found us celebrating Earth Day by singing songs like "What Do You Do with a Water Waster?", "We've Got the Whole World in our Hands", "It's Easy Bein' Green" and "What a Wonderful World".



Our students studied the lives of Beethoven, Mozart and Chopin. All of these Great Masters of Music led really interesting lives.

Some of our recorder students performed at our recent Open House. They did such a great job, even with the challenge of a windy evening! It's been such fun for me to be able to teach basic music theory, note values, and musical terms.

And, we even had time to do some folk dancing this week. What better way to relax after testing than to have some fun learning some traditional steps to cultural songs?



As many of you know, I am the chairperson for the 31st annual Freedom Fest Patriotic Sing to be held on July 3rd at the Community Cultural Center. Golly, where did the time go? The program features the children of our community singing songs of our country and honors members of our military, past and present. I would love to have your youngster(s) be a part of our Patriotic Sing Chorus. (There is no charge to be a member of our chorus!) We sing on July 3rd then the next day, ride a float in the parade. Later we sing for Fireworks. There are so many memories to be made in Morgan Hill during the 4th of July weekend. Information on rehearsals will be distributed shortly. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, May 28th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Britton Gym.

Our choir ended last Monday. Our youngsters reserved each Monday during the school year for our afterschool hour together. Mondays would find us eager to spend time together singing. One of our favorite selections is a ballad "When We Sing". It has been my great joy to have worked with twenty of our eager 4th and 5th graders! Thanks to our amazing principal, Ms. Sermersheim for her ever-present support of music!

With a song in my heart,

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