**November Music Notes**

We had a great dance unit in October, which culminated in a great time dancing together as a school at the Spookview Dance.

At the end of October and the beginning of November, we had/are having Special Music Day for 1st-5th grade, in which students who aren't comfortable performing in front of the entire school in the Talent Show have a chance to perform for their classmates in a smaller and more intimate setting. I have seen a lot of talent with singing, dancing, and playing instruments! We are also learning and working on what it looks like to be a respectful audience member, as well as how to give reflective feedback with musical vocabulary.

Kindergartners are continuing to work on responding to sound and silence, as well as learning the 4 voices. We are also starting to work on the music comparatives loud/quiet and fast/slow.

1st-5thgraders are working on learning grade-level rhythms.

 The standards in student-friendly language are:

1. Expression: Express yourself through music with playing instruments, dancing, singing, and performing

2. Creation: Create your own music by composing, arranging, and improvising

3. Theory: Identify music symbols and understand music words.

4. Aesthetic Valuation: Show critical thinking about music. Learn about cultures through music