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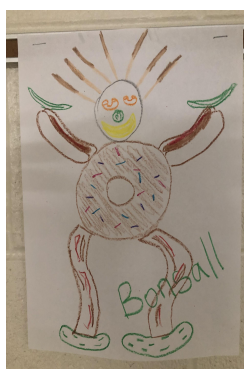
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### Music Memo

The students at Cedar Trails have already learned so much in the music classroom this year!

We have been working on feeling the beat in our bodies through various songs that encourage creative beat motions.

For first grade, "Aiken Drum" is a song that I use to reinforce body beats. Students brainstorm what foods each of Aiken Drum's body parts are made out of. Then together we keep the beat on those body parts as we sing about the food character we've created.



In the following lesson, we sing about the instruments that Aiken Drum plays, and students have the chance to learn the names of different percussion instruments and practice keeping the beat on them.

We are exploring the difference between singing and speaking voice. Using different game songs, students assess whether or not they can match pitch in call and response style.

Most recently, we will read stories and sing songs that show the explore highs and lows in music. We will also transfer short melodies and songs to the xylophones as they lend to visually seeing how music gets high and low.

Fall sets the perfect scene for this as we sing songs about the leaves falling to the ground as the melody moves lower and lower.



I encourage you to ask your students about the leaves songs, Aiken Drum, the song we sing together in the music room, and what they like most about music class!

Sing-cerely,

Kym Davis

*WE CAN. WE WILL. WE ARE. TOGETHER.*