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Music Memo

October brought us some very fun weeks in the music classroom with so many fun, activities, and educational songs that fit with a Halloween theme.

Our kindergarten students were able to use the xylophones for the first time! Xylophones are the perfect instrument for students to explore high and low and to see how the bigger the instrument, the lower the sound will be. We chant, "Five Little Pumpkins" into a melody that moves step by step up and down the xylophone. It's simple and fun and provides our students with the perfect level of challenge to feel super successful playing it.

Our first graders played the rhythm sticks to "Dem Bones." This tied in nicely with their CKLA theme of the human body, and provided a perfect opportunity for them to experience the difference between steady beat, and rhythm (the short and long sounds in the music). We also matched pitch in a microphone, made pumpkin stew with high and low sounding ingredients, and danced to the "Halloween Stomp".

During the months of November and December, we will be focusing more on the elements of music by continuing to explore the opposites, high/low, fast/slow, loud/soft, and long/short. Our lessons will be embedded with lots of holiday themes. Our students are growing into musicians!

Sincerely,

Kym Davis

WE CAN. WE WILL. WE ARE. TOGETHER.