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December Music Memo

Happy holidays from the Cedar Trails Music Room!

During the month of November, our students continued to practice different ways of keeping the beat. Students have been creating their own beat motions and leading the class in moving to familiar tunes.

We continued to practice reading short rhythm patterns. Rhythms are made up of short and long sounds. I use fun chants that have holiday themes to have them repeat rhythms using the syllables, TA and TITI.

We have been playing singing games about Thanksgiving food and what we are thankful for. Many of these games help with matching pitch, keeping beat, and showing the form (pattern) of the music.

As we continue with the holiday season during the month of December, students will learn how much music is a part of holidays and cultures around the world. Music provides such a wonderful way to learn about and experience various traditions. I encourage you to help your child explore what musical traditions you have or had in your family during the holidays!

Lastly, we have been learning a lot of folk dances. Dancing is a wonderful way to practice social skills and to be a part of the music. I use dancing to reinforce concepts like form, pitch, and rhythm. I also find that dancing is a great way to bring people together. I encourage you to turn on some music at home and take a break from the routine to just dance together as a family!

Sing-cerely,
Kym Davis

WE CAN. WE WILL. WE ARE. TOGETHER.