



# CEDAR SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Cedar Trails Elementary

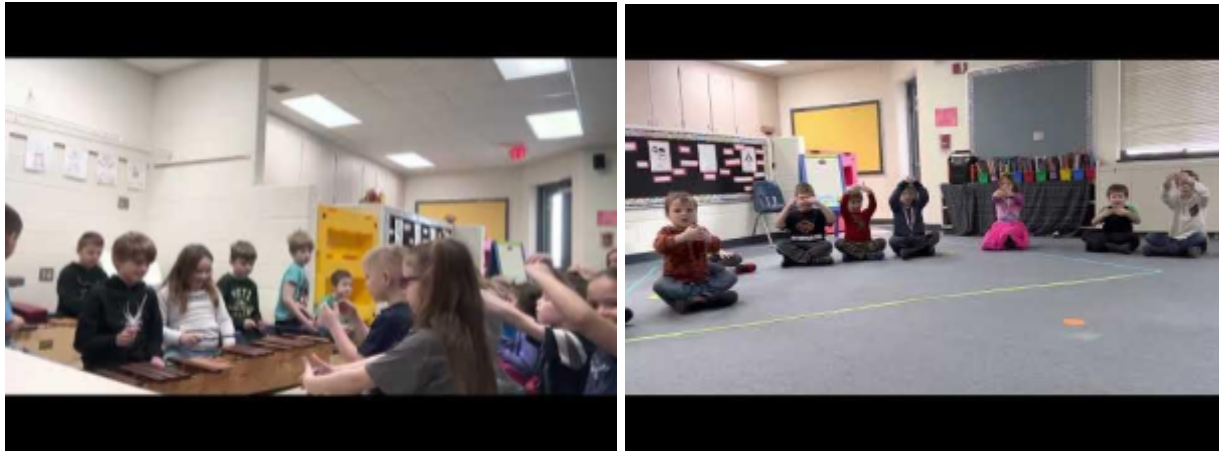
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### February Music Memo

During January, we have been very active in the music classroom! Cedar Trails students have learned folk dances and playing and learning about instruments. Students practiced rhythms on the hand drums and played xylophones to familiar tunes. Most lessons in music build on previous lessons.

Click the videos to see them play on YouTube.



The students LOVE working together as a team and with partners to experience music through movement. Together, students learned a song called “Clackin’ on the Ice”.

At first, we learned to sing the song. Then added beat motions and motions showing the pitch of the music moving from high to low. Then we practiced singing the song at different dynamic levels (very loud to very soft). Finally, this past week, we added the xylophones playing the root of the chord while other students in the class sang the melody.

While this step is beyond the first-grade music curriculum, the students knew the song so well that they were able and encouraged to try something hard, and they had a lot of success!!

Sing-cerely,  
Kym Davis

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