



Greetings from the music room at SMS!



We have had a fun and busy start to the year in the St. Monica music room! Kindergarten students have been singing and listening to farm songs in preparation for their farm field trips! They have been clapping, tapping, marching, and playing instruments!

Primary students have been studying dynamics, steady beat, rhythm, and melody. They are quickly becoming expert boomwhacker players! Primary students also have enjoyed listening to music by our Composer of the Month, Franz Joseph Haydn. Ask your student what the surprise is in the "Surprise Symphony!"

Intermediate students have also been studying dynamics, syncopated rhythms, and strong and weak beats in music. They really loved our first issue of the Music Express magazine, especially the song "I Gotta Feelin'" and the article on Emily Bear, an eight year old composer!

Junior High students have been busy signing up to be Cantors and to be part of the Rotating Choir and Jubilation Choir at our school masses. They have been singing music for worship to prepare for this leadership role. Their listening logs are underway with lots of facts and opinions about the music of Franz Joseph Haydn. Junior High students have also enjoyed the Music Express magazine, especially the songs from "Glee" and learning to dance the cha-cha!

Thank you for supporting the music program at SMS! I am looking forward to another great year. Mark your calendar now for our annual Christmas concert on December 15!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Sara Cervelli

