

SJCS Grade 4 Music Newsletter

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"Jesus said, 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.' " John 10:14

FANTASTIC JOB on "Heroes of the Faith"! The attendance was wonderful. Your children sang with excellence and joy. We are well into the second semester with much to learn and experience. Please feel free to join music class when you get a chance!

Music Theory We Are Learning

- Operetta: *Amahl and the Night Visitors*
- RECORDERS: how to finger the notes Low E, G, A, B, C and High D; how to tongue the notes; proper playing posture on the recorder
- Beginning conducting skills
- Symphony Unit introduction: What is a symphony?

Songs We Know

- Para Ti
- Star Light, Star Bright
- Hop Old Squirrel
- Music Cond'r from Shravalon

Favorite Music Games

- Boomchiki
- Rhythm Telephone

Grade 4 Music & Recorder Schedule (Approximate)

- Q3 Composing, Symphony Unit, and a visit to the SF Symphony April 1
- Q4 Recorder study and performance at the May 22 Spring Concert

Grading

- Letter grades are given in Grade 4 Music and Recorders. The grade is calculated from class work. Class work includes playing the recorders properly, singing correctly, listening correctly, writing worksheets, and taking quizzes.

Questions to ask your child at home:

- What is the difference between a symphony and a concert band?
- Give each person in your family some type of "percussion" (wooden spoons, pans, butter tub with rice inside). Have your student "conduct" your percussion ensemble.
- How many recorder fingerings can you show me on your recorder or your arm?

May God bless our music-making this year!

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