

# Music Notes



I have really enjoyed seeing our returning students and getting to know all of our new Highland View musicians during the first few weeks of school. All students are off to a **ROARing** start in music this year ... especially the kindergartners who will be continuing to study different ways to use their *voices-talking, singing, whispering, and calling*. They have gotten lots of practice using their voices in different ways.

First grade students have been performing and listening for **loud (forte) and soft (piano) dynamics**.

Second graders have been showing expertise in singing songs with **sol and mi patterns** and then playing the songs on xylophones.

Third grade students have been learning about **folk songs** and performing folk songs that have **cumulative form**.

Fourth grade students have been identifying **contrasting and repeating sections** and **phrases** in music and have performed a Russian folk dance.

Fifth grade students have learned the definition of a musical **chord** and are working to perform **chord accompaniments** using the **C chord, F chord and G chord**.

All chorus rehearsals, grades 3-5, begin on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year of music making with your amazing children!

-Mrs. Pfaff