

♪ Musical Notes ♪

April 2023

What's happening in the music room?

- ❖ Kindergarten – 5th grade classes are working hard on their music for the spring concert.
Don't forget the concert is Thursday, May 12th at 7:00pm!!!
- ❖ Middle school is starting to work on their own musical compositions.

Composer-of-the-Month



Claude Debussy

- Lived 1862 - 1918
- Nationality – French
- Period/Style – Late Romantic
Impressionism

Claude Debussy was born in a suburb of Paris, and it was his aunt who first noticed how musical he was. She got him started taking piano lessons. When he was only ten, Debussy started studying at the very strict Paris Conservatory.

As a child, Debussy was fascinated by visual art, and as he grew up, he loved the new style called "Impressionism." Instead of painting realistic, lifelike paintings with hard outlines, Impressionists used thousands of dots, or many different shades of color to create the "impression" of what they wanted to depict. Debussy took that idea and applied it to music, creating Impressionism in music.

Listening suggestions:

- Clair de Lune*
- Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune,*
- La Cathédrale Engloutie*