

## ♪ Musical Notes ♪

February 2024

What's happening in the music room?

- ❖ Kindergarten and first are working on learning the notes of the scale (Do, Re, Mi and so on).
- ❖ Second grade is learning some new note and rest values with fun song games.
- ❖ Third –fifth are finishing up their work on rhythm and moving into treble clef pitch names.
- ❖ Middle school classes are reviewing and expanding their knowledge of note/rest values, time signatures, and pitch names.
- ❖ We reviewed the Latin Mass parts to use during Lent.

### Composer-of-the-Month



**Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel**

- Lived 1805 - 1847
- Nationality – German
- Style/Period – Romantic

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel was the older sister of another famous composer, Felix Mendelssohn. She was a very talented pianist, and began composing at the age of 14. Composing was not considered respectable for young women so several of her early pieces were published under her brother's name. She wrote no large works such as symphonies or operas, but she did write over 500 pieces – mostly songs and piano compositions. Many of these pieces were performed at the Mendelssohn family concerts held in their home on Sunday afternoons. Later in life, Fanny was finally able to publish several pieces under her own name. She died of a stroke at the age of 41.

Listening suggestions:

*String Quartet in E-flat Major*  
*Notturmo in g minor*