

♪ Musical Notes ♪

February 2023

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.
- ❖ Since Lent starts soon, we will begin reviewing the Latin Mass parts.

Composer-of-the-Month



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

- Lived 1756 - 1791
- Nationality - Austrian
- Style/Period – Classical

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a child prodigy. He composed his first piece of music at age five, and had his first piece published at age seven. He wrote his first opera when he was twelve. By the time Wolfgang was 6, he was an excellent pianist and violinist. He and his sister traveled all over Europe performing for royalty.

When he grew up, Mozart moved to Vienna, and tried to earn a living as a composer and music teacher. Money was tight so he eventually took a court musician job. He worked himself very hard, composing a huge number of works. Eventually the stress caused his health to fail and he died at the age of only 35. During his short life, he composed in all different musical forms—over 600 pieces in total!

Rondo Alla Turca
Eine Kleine Nachtmusik
Symphony No. 40 – Mov. 1
Requiem Mass
Queen of the Night aria
(from *The Magic Flute*)
Alleluia from (*Exsultate Jubilate*)