

♪ Musical Notes ♪

September 2022

What's happening in the music room?

- ❖ K-2 reviewed how to find and keep the beat of a song. K-1 are now working on opposites in music (like loud and quiet) and learning lots of fun songs and games. 2nd grade is working on identifying quarter note and eighth note rhythm patterns.
- ❖ 3-5 started off with a song for fun, and then spent time learning the national anthem. They not only learned the lyrics, but some of the history behind the song.
- ❖ 6th grade is learning about genres of music. 7th is exploring music from other countries. 8th is getting a brief overview of music history.

Composer-of-the-Month



St. Hildegard von Bingen

- ☉ **Lived** 1098 - 1179
- ☉ **Feast Day** September 17
- ☉ **Nationality** German
- ☉ **Style/Period** Medieval

One of the earliest known composers, St. Hildegard was a German nun who was famous for her visions and prophecies. She composed a great deal of plainsong chant. Her songs were unique because they were written specifically for female voices and had more complex melodies. She used Scripture and other religious texts for lyrics, but she also set some of her own poetry to music. Besides poetry, she also wrote books about religion, natural history, and medicine, and a morality play. She was canonized in 2012 and is now considered one of the Doctors of the Church.