

## Music News from Ms. Mercy

Dear families,

Here's my best wishes for all, as we embark on a brand new year of music fun at Bowman!

We will celebrate the beginning of 2020 with calendar related tunes. Our castanets will have the children tapping out the steady beat to "Feliz Ano Nuevo." Carole King's song, "Chicken Soup With Rice," will tell them about the pleasures and opportunities each month can bring. We will dance to the "Calendar Polka," and sing "There's a New Year on our Calendar Today," to the familiar tune of "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain." The children often ask me to bring the parachute and musical activities we play, using balls of different sizes and colors. I will keep my promise and enjoy these props with them during January.

February is all about LOVE! We will spell H E A R T to the tune of "Bingo." With Jack Hartman's help, we will play percussion instruments and sing to sweet and silly songs like "Kid's Peace Song," "Whole Lotta Love" and "So Much Love." We will introduce a couple of Broadway show tunes. Rent's "Seasons of Love" provides a great avenue for pitch exploration as I demonstrate the vocal changes by raising or lowering my hand. "You Gotta Have Heart," from Damn Yankees can teach them the power of a positive attitude. Of course the Beatle's anthem "All you need is Love," will be echoed by all their little voices. Fun scarf activities will be added during this month along with our classroom instruments.

Enrollment to private piano lessons is open throughout the year. Brochures are available with all pertinent information. Please feel free to call me with any questions. The yearly piano recital will take place at my home in May, with the date to follow as it approaches.

As always, I thank you for entrusting me with your little one's introduction to music. I truly enjoy my time singing, dancing and playing music with them.

Sincerely,

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