

Dear Parents and Guardians,

November 2022

3rd Grade - We have been working to create sound, rhythms and melodies that represent a shape or a line. We will be collaborating with Dance and Art to compose a work that comprises all three disciplines.

4th Grade - We will continue creating hand/clapping games by composing words and using rhythms we learn in class. Here is a great example of students in Music class that created a hand game using specific rhythms. They wrote lyrics to connect with our school-wide C.A.R.E.S. program. <https://youtu.be/6J4B5yMUCKU>

5th Grade - Learnt what a jingle in music is (a short melody used for advertising purposes) and started composing their own jingles to sell the values we are talking about with our C.A.R.E.S. program.

Kindergarten - We have learned the basics on how to play the keyboard. We have learnt 3 songs already and will continue to play a new song each week. They are all similar in skills so we do not spend more than one week on each song.

1st and 2nd Grade - Have been reviewing their keyboard skills that we learnt last year. They are playing through 1-2 songs each class. The songs will get harder each week. As our keyboard checklist reminds us: use spider fingers, use the correct hand for the song, use the finger numbers you see and challenge yourself to sing and play at the same time.

I will not be present for the November 3rd parent teacher conferences. I will be representing NYC at a National Music Education Conference. Please email me if you have any concerns: ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov

As always thank you for all your support.

Here is our school song "Light Up your Mind,"
<https://youtu.be/vxtnPFjUdBc>

And a new school song that we will be singing every week called "I will."
<https://youtu.be/JrrL2L9SfNk>

Sincerely,



Andrew Ramsingh