WOW! We all have enjoyed our theme this month: Music. We have been fortunate to have many gifted and talented families and friends who have played music for us during March.

The children were introduced to music by how sound travels via sound waves and vibrations. Music affects many of our senses, such as hearing, touch and emotions. Music is also a universal language. The children have clapped beats to whole, half and quarter notes. This was a visual sense used as away to see the written language of music, as well as the auditory experience.

The children’s vocabulary has grown and now they use the words Piano (Soft), Forte (Loud), Allegro (Fast), and Grave (Very Slow). Several parents have reported hearing their child say, “Mom that is too forte”. Along with note recognition, the class has learned tempo, beat and rhythm. The teachers used rhythm sticks, clapping hands and stomping feet to count the beats. The children have made a variety of instruments, such as string (guitar), wind (kazoos), and percussion (shakers).

Our last week was about music from around the world. The teachers have an inflated ball of the world and each child gets a turn to pick a country and then they get to hear some music from the country. An example of this was Jack picked Texas and country western music was played. Korea was another choice and traditional Korean music was played.

The classes have heard classical, be bop, jazz, show tunes and most popular children’s songs (the ones they know). The new song for this theme is “Sing” by Joe Raposo.

COME JOIN US IN OUR KITCHEN BAND!

JACK USING THE MARACAS.

ETHAN FINGER PAINTING TO JAZZ MUSIC.

NOLA, JACKIE AND JACk WATCHING VIBRATIONS.
CREATING MUSIC!

(STARTING WITH TOP-LEFT AND MOVING CLOCKWISE...)

* SANTIAGO MAKING HIS GUITAR.

* NOAH AND FRIENDS LEARNING ABOUT SOUND AND VIBRATION.

* BRANDON PLAYING IN THE KITCHEN BAND.

* ETHAN PAINTING A NOTE.
CREATING AND LISTENING TO THE MUSIC

(Clockwise from top left) Mr. Simcox and son Henry, Gwendolyn composing with notes, Ms. Williams and daughter Maeve, P.M. Blue Room dancing to music with the parachute and Ethan feeling the vibration.
We want to thank Mrs. Riethmuller for playing her different flutes, Mr. Jenkins for bringing his electric drums, Grace Sohn, our CMU intern for playing the piano, Mr. Sutton for playing his violin and viola, Mrs. Chiu (grandma) for playing the piano, Mr. Simcox for playing guitar, ukulele, and piano, and Mrs. Slammon for playing piano.

We celebrated Jack Morowitz’s and Brandon Criswell’s birthdays. Thank you to Jack’s parents and Brandon’s parents and brother Roland for joining us and reading to the classes. Jacobo Mendez’s parents and baby sister Antonia visited the blue room and helped the children make a special Columbian snack during the month of March.

Please enjoy some wonderful pictures of your children playing, swaying and singing to the Music!

Mrs. Tömer  Ms. Stevens  Mr. Salinetro