



## March Music

Music classes have one more week to work on their rhythm reading before beginning a unit on how to read the notes in the treble clef. That doesn't mean that we're going to stop reading rhythm. Oh, no! We're just going to add melody to what we've already learned.

Many classes are already working on note reading. Third grade is learning how to read music using the keyboards. Sixth grade is taking what they've learned on the keyboards in the third grade and extending it, adding recorded rhythms and simple chord structure. Fourth graders are working on note reading by playing their recorders.

Students in the fifth grade are memorizing the Star-Spangled Banner right now, but they will begin playing the autoharps soon. Their focus won't be on individual notes; they'll be learning how to read chords and strum patterns.

As you probably know by now, Grades 1 and 2 are preparing for a program called *Cosmic Kitchen*. **It is scheduled for April 15 at 7 p.m.**, and it's a concert that I think you will enjoy. All the songs are about food!

That just leaves Kindergarten, and they are going to continue working on reading rhythm. We've studied quarter notes, quarter rests, and two eighth notes, and students are becoming quite proficient in reading rhythm patterns made up of these. We're even ready to start playing games with our rhythm cards! Be sure and ask your Kinder what games we've played in music!



### SIXTH GRADE NEWS

The sixth graders had a very busy month. On the 12<sup>th</sup> they went to the High School Play and had lots of fun laughing and enjoying the play. Then on the 13<sup>th</sup> they went to the Cosmosphere Space Center and had a good learning experience from Dr. Goddard's Lab. At lunchtime they went to Countryside Lanes and were able to do lunch and bowl. The students were able to show off their talented skills of bowling in front of the teachers. By the end of the month on the 23<sup>rd</sup> the students had a Thanksgiving Feast with Family and friends. They had 79 attend this feast. The friends and family time went well and they all left at 12:40 fat and happy.

Vivica Raya with her balloon she made.



Jade Bornholdt and her balloon she made.

