

A Pre-School Music Program

- Music theory concepts:** The children enjoy various exercises that provide them with an experience of the following music theory concepts: staff, treble clef, lines, spaces, pitch, scale, octave, beat, rest, dictation, time, whole/half/quarter/eighth notes, harmony Major and Minor keys signatures.
- Pitch:** The children tune their voices by singing scales (Do-Re-Mi, etc.) in C Major. The children count in English and in Spanish while singing C Major scales. The children sing the days of the week in English, Spanish and French while singing C Major scales. The children learn to identify the correct starting pitches for songs in the their repertoire.
- Dictation:** The children watch and listen as Mrs. Hannan plays a slide whistle. They copy with their bodies and voices what they have seen and heard.
- Orchestra:** The children learn to recognize violin, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and drum while learning the song titled The Orchestra.
- Harmony:** The children experience harmony as Mrs. Hannan plays Do-Re-Mi simultaneously on hand bells. The children create their own harmony by maintaining one pitch as Mrs. Hannan sings other pitches, alternately.
- Movement:** The children learn hand movements and dances to accompany songs in their repertoire.
- Imagination:** The children make up their own verses to songs already in their class repertoire.
- International:** The children learn songs in the native languages of various cultures.
- Repertoire:** The children enjoy a variety of songs from a wide range of musical collections such as traditional nursery rhymes, American folk songs, patriotic songs, fingerplay and several original compositions from friends of Mrs. Hannan.
- Themes:** Mrs. Hannan structures her music lessons to reflect the monthly and seasonal themes established by . . . This provides the children with integrated thematic instruction.
- Instruments:** The children experience the following musical instruments: guitar, hand bells, glockenspiel, slide whistle, pitch pipe, harmonica, and various ethnic instruments when seasonally appropriate.

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