



Music News

May 2009

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it's May already! We'll spend our last Music and Movement Monday on May 11th learning two new songs and then recapping the children's favorites throughout the year. Our warm-up routine includes skipping, yoga stretches and strength-building actions. We're up to ten push-ups this month! We'll move and groove to Zydeco music which is a lively mixture of Cajun music, blues, R & B, Caribbean music and even a little Jazz. The Cajun fiddle music retained its early French feel while absorbing the sounds of neighboring groups. German and Italian immigrants to Louisiana introduced the accordion in the late 1800's. By the 1920's the accordion-fiddle duet became a standard feature of Cajun and Creole music. Check out Chinn Library's selection of Zydeco music - you won't be able to stand still!

A great BIG THANK YOU to the parent helpers that made make-and-take-a-drum day possible. Mrs. Kuhn and I spray-painted 200 cans in April on a windy day!! Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Teipel, Mrs. Kenzie, Mrs. Orlando, Ms. Zobel, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lowther and Mr. Collins-Cavanagh helped the children make their drums. I hope they've recovered their breath after blowing up all those balloons!!

Have a great summer. There are so many music opportunities for your child in Prince William County and Washington DC. Check the local papers for concert opportunities. Most high schools have end-of-the-year concerts and plays. The Prince William Park Authority sponsors *Music Under the Stars* at several local parks, including Locust Shade Park. Make plans to attend Wolf Trap's International Children's Day in the fall (usually Labor Day Weekend). Most importantly keep singing and dancing!

Kathy Lundgren
Resource Teacher

Please continue to send in small coffee, formula or cookie cans so I can restock for next year's Make and Take A Drum days!!

The Tree in the Woods

This is a backwards cumulative song.

At the end of each verse, re-sing the previous lyrics and end with underlined words.

There was a tree all in the woods,
The finest tree you ever did see.
The tree is in the woods and the green grass grew
all around, all around.
And the green grass grew all around.

On this tree there was a branch.
The finest branch you ever did see.
The branch was on the tree, the tree was in the
woods, (sing underlined words)

On this branch there was a nest , the finest nest
you ever did see. The nest was on the branch, the
branch was on the tree, the tree was in the woods
(sing underlined words)

In this nest there was an egg, the finest egg you
ever did see . . .

In this egg there was a bird, the finest bird you
ever did see.

On this bird there was a feather, the finest feather
you ever did see . . .



Mr. Wiggle and Mr. Waggle

Part 1

This is the story of Mr. Wiggle and Mr. Waggle.
(hold up the thumb of each hand)
Mr. Wiggle lived in this house,
(open one hand, fold down thumb, and wrap
fingers around the thumb)
And Mr. Waggle lived in this house.
(open the other hand, fold thumb down and wrap
fingers around the thumb)

One day Mr. Wiggle decided to go visit Mr.
Waggle.
So, he opened the gate!
(open the fingers and make an upward creaking
sound)
And he came outside, boop!
(raise thumb and make a high pitched “boop”)
And he closed the gate.
(close fingers into a fist with the thumb still up
and make a downward creaking sound)
And he went up the hill and down the hill,

(raise thumb up high and with great exaggeration
have the children raise their voices saying “up the
hill” and lower thumb and voice with “down the
hill”)

Up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Until he got to Mr. Waggle’s house.

He knocked on the gate.
Knock, knock, knock, Mr. Waggle!
(make a knocking motion three times)
Knock, knock, knock.
(three more knocking motions)
No Mr. Waggle!

So he went
Up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Until he got to his house.

He opened the gate!
And he went inside, boop!
And he closed the gate!
And he went to sleep.

Part 2

Repeat with Mr. Waggle visiting Mr. Wiggle

Part 3

Well, pretty soon Mr. Wiggle decided to go see
Mr. Waggle.
And Mr. Waggle decided to go see Mr. Wiggle.
So they opened their gates!
And they came outside, boop!
And they closed their gates!

And they went up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Until all of a sudden they saw each other!
And they said: Hello Mr. Wiggle. Hello Mr.
Waggle.
And they talked and talked and talked and . . .
Ad lib things the children like to do,
Until it was time to say goodbye.
Goodbye (wiggle one thumb)
Goodbye (wiggle the other thumb)

And they went up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Up the hill and down the hill,
Until they got to their houses.
They opened their gates.
They went inside, boop!
They closed their gates!
And they went to sleep!
The End.