



## Music Newsletter Spring 2018

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### Music Class

Hello amazing Bradley parents! I'm really excited to share with you what's happening in the Music classroom this spring semester. The main focus is PITCH! Using their voices and various instruments, students will be exploring the wonderful world of pitch through beautiful melodies from songs all over the world. As kids learn these songs, they'll also be introduced to "expressions of music!" They will be learning key musical terminologies such as: STACCATO, LEGATO, ACCENT, CRESCENDO, FERMATA, PIANO and FORTE.

In addition to all this, I'm also attending a LITTLE KIDS ROCK music education workshop to integrate modern band/instrument and music to the Bradley music program. Stay tuned!!



### How to Support At Home:

- Encourage your child to analyze rhythm while listening to various types of music.
- Practice, practice, practice!!!

**Kindergarten:** Students are continuing to have fun with songs that teach them about movements, rhythm, melodies and voice level control. There is a song in every lesson in which they can successfully integrate these elements of music.

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** This month the focus will be on a song called *KYE KYE KULE* from Ghana, West Africa. At various grade levels, different levels of challenges are introduced. For example, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders sing the song with a simple rhythm accompaniment while 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grader do a more challenging rhythmic pattern on it.

**5<sup>th</sup> grade:** Students are tirelessly continuing to work on their 5<sup>th</sup> grade continuation original compositions. They are making great progress and I'm very proud of all that they have accomplished in such a short time for something that has never been done before!

