

Performing Arts News

Dear parents,

I would like to share some updates and news about the Performing Arts.

Kindergarten - children learned a lot of German spring songs, and we are now only waiting for spring to come. In the meanwhile students also learned about different instrument families and instruments within these families. They can sing now the major scale, and they are learning popular German children songs such as Schnappi das kleine Krokodil.

1st grade - after finishing a unit about Asian music and dance, students are working on a drama project. In a couple of weeks you may see the results: 1A will perform "Chinese Nightingale" after the tale by Hans-Christian Andersen; 1B will perform "Snow White". Parents will get letter from the classroom teachers with more information soon.

2nd grade - students have learned new German children songs: *Jule, Popel, Piratenlied, Pippi Langstrumpf, F-Tsch-Chqu-&-Wumm-Apparat*. They are sometimes silly, sometimes awkward, but they all are about being a child and being happy. One of the goals is to refine performing and singing skills, in particular singing in the choir, understanding non-verbal signs of the conductor etc.

3rd grade - is working on a theater project: 3A is creating a piece after the popular children book *SAMS*; 3B is working on the musical *Ritter Rost*.

4th grade - is reenacting *Emil und die Detektive* after the bestseller by Erich Kästner

5th grade - is experimenting with the genre of fantasy trying to adapt it to the theater format.

6th grade - after finishing the Cabaret project with a performance, 6th grade is working on a media art project.

7/8 grade - is working on the project *Sound of Music*.

I am impressed with students' creativity and looking forward to many coming performances.

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