

Early Childhood Music at LREI

Dear Parents of Fours, EK's and Kindergartners;

For the Fours, Early Kindergartners and Kindergartners, music time is a time to develop an awareness of sound, rhythm and melody through singing, moving and playing instruments. Through singing games, echo songs, story songs and lullabies, the children learn how to use their voices to make music. Finger plays and rhythm bands help them learn to feel the rhythm of music. They give whole-body expression of music while dancing and playing singing games.

Our purpose is to excite an appreciation and enjoyment of musical participation. Age appropriate musical skills are introduced and reinforced through songs and rhythm games. Many of the activities also help to further the goal of multi-cultural awareness, cooperation and community-building.

I encourage the children to learn the songs so that they can "carry them home" and share them with their families. Occasionally, I will send some song lyrics home in the blog. If you have a family song that you would like to share with us, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me (email best: sribaudo@lrei.org) or stop by the Music Room before or after school on Mondays or Wednesdays. I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Sincerely,
Sue Ribaud
LREI Early Childhood Music Specialist

Under One Sky by Ruth Pelham

Chorus:

We're all a family under one sky
A family under one sky
We're all a family under one sky
A family under one sky

We're people (echo), we're animals (echo)
We're flowers (echo), we're birds in flight (echo)
We're people (echo), we're animals (echo)
We're flowers (echo), we're birds in flight (echo)

Chorus

Add your own ideas for verses, adding names, people's occupations, animals...