

October

During the month of October many classes will be learning songs, dances, and customs from southeastern Asia.

Kindergarten and Grade One will be using the “Pumpkin Fat”, game to learn about high and low sounds, quarter (tah) and eighth (ti-ti) note rhythms, and solfege *sol* and *mi*.

Grade Two will learn a Japanese hand game to the song “Suzume no Gakko”, a song about a sparrow singing school.

Grade Three will experience folk music from India in $\frac{3}{4}$ meter as they learn “Chanda Mama”. They will also be learning how to produce a good tone on the soprano recorder as they learn the note B, A, and G.

Grade Four will investigate “Pingheng”, a song written in the southern Chinese style. They will learn to play a soprano recorder duet.

Grade Six students will investigate the beautiful Japanese folk song “Sakura”, research traditional Japanese instruments, and learn to play an Orff arrangement of the song in an ensemble.