



Sing Me Home

Second Grade Concert

Somerset Elementary School
December 14, 2015

Joyous Chanukkah Hebrew folk song

As part of the Hanukkah holiday and the lighting of the hanukiah, children play a traditional game called dreidl or sevivon. Through this joyful song, we experience the warmth and happiness that a family feels when they celebrate a holiday together. The timbrel, or tambourine, was the principal instrument used to accompany music in ancient Israel. Tonight the tambourines will play the melodic rhythm rather than a simple steady beat.

Angels We Have Heard on High French carol

Pianists: Norah Kunert and Wesley Hendl

Patapan Bernard de La Monnoye

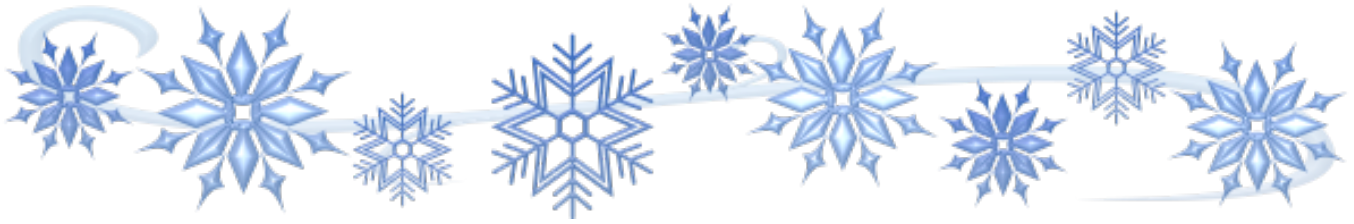
Patapan was first published in France in *Noël Bourguignons* in 1720. Although a French carol, it was written in the dialect of Burgundy, a region in France. Its title, “Guillô, Pran Ton Tamborin”, translates as “Willie, Bring Your Little Drum”. As the shepherds tell the story and play instruments, *pat-a-pan* imitates the sound of the drum and *tu-re-lu-re-lu* represents the sound of a flute.

Mister Snow Rap Bob Demmert

Chicken Soup with Rice lyrics by Maurice Sendak, music by Carole King

Maurice Sendak’s charming book, *Chicken Soup with Rice*, is a silly poem about the twelve months of the year. In every month, chicken soup with rice makes an appearance. We discussed the word plays to help us understand the three verses we are singing. We cheered when Charlotte Chandler reported her mother made chicken noodle soup for her last week; Charlotte said it was delicious! Carole King recently received a Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Honor on December 6. The second graders enjoy her song immensely.





We Wish You a Happy Holiday English folk song, arranged

Imagine you are in England, wassailing or caroling this song at your neighbor's door. The first and last verses are your well wishes to your neighbor. As is the custom, when the singing concludes, your neighbor will invite you inside for warm drink and food. The middle verses are sung in jest as good friends tease good friends.

Winter Fantasy

Violinist: Elise Moga Pianist: Thomas Gott

1. Snowflakes Falling Jill Gallina
2. Jingle Bells. James Pierpont
3. Snowflakes Falling *and* Jingle Bells

Here Jingle Bells is dressed up with another song or countermelody, Snowflakes Falling. When “Jingle Bells” is partnered with “Snowflakes Falling”, harmony is created. It is a delight to hear the generational singing between different grades at Somerset: children who sing together are at peace.

Thank you to Matthew Schufman, art teacher, for the beautiful student art.

Thank you for letting us share our music with you this evening. Second graders will come down from the risers and find you in the audience.

May our gift of song lighten your way home.

Kalle Akkerman
Kari Peterson
Somerset music teachers

