

# April

♪ music newsletter ♪

“Carnival of the Animals” is coming to an end this month as the children listen and move their ribbon sticks to **The Swan**, movement number 13, and also watch the performance by pianist Kathryn Scott and the cellist Yo Yo Ma.

The piece concludes with The Finale, a lively combination of all the movements into a grand ending. The children will listen, act this out, and enjoy a brief viewing of The Finale as illustrated in the movie Fantasia—an animation of what happens when a flamingo is given a yo-yo during the performance! It will have all the children in a fit of giggles I guarantee!

It has been my great pleasure to present this classic piece of music to your children over the last 15 weeks, and I am thrilled to hear so many of your children have requested to hear it in the car on the way to/from school and have requested their own copies!

I LOVE to tell and sing stories to my students—and what a captive audience your children are! I will be sharing Abiyoyo; The Story of Ping; Tikki, Tikki Tembo and going in a LION HUNT! I will be sharing these and many other tales this month to support how music, dance, visual arts tell stories. After all—what is life without the stories we share on a daily basis about our experiences?

The children will become familiar with our own area birds and their unique songs as we continue to focus on a collection of ‘stuffed birds’ with songs. (Humans are not the only ones who sing and make music!) The children already recognize the songs of cardinals, sparrows, robins, blue jays, and many others. It is amazing to witness the children matching the song with the appropriate bird! Hopefully this skill will be evident as you spend more time outdoors with your child as the weather warms !

The children will be using scarves and ribbon sticks throughout the month, and will be continuing the use of rhythm sticks! Allow your child to use your wooden kitchen spoons to demonstrate tapping, hitting, sliding, stopping, playing, and pushing.

Sing in spring!

♥ *Connie*