

# Mrs. Dunham's Marvelous Musicians

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## Frosty Weather!:

Wow, it's getting cold out there! This month is a great month to begin new musical concepts as we ring in the new year! Our Kindergarteners are beginning to turn musical opposites into concrete musical terms such as So, & Mi, Quarter & Eighth Notes, Forte & Piano, etc. Our First Grade students are learning how to sight sing the pitches "so, mi, and la" on the music staff and our Second Grade students are learning about their new pitch "re".

Our Third Graders have begun their unit on the Ukulele with the tedious process of learning how to tune an instrument! This is a very hard concept to learn but must be grasped or else

all other music played on that instrument will be incorrect! They are doing a great job.

Our Fourth and Fifth graders are continuing their studies in their instruments. Fourth Grade students are starting to be assessed on the recorder as they play pieces by themselves for a karate belt! Fifth Grade students are really beginning to grasp piano skills and we will be putting both left and right hands together soon!

Our Second Graders will be performing a very special Valentine's Program next month. If you have a student in this grade, please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. You will be glad you did!



Remember to  
Log onto Mrs. Dunham's Blog for your monthly Blog Challenge and Prize!  
You must leave a comment to get a prize!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 14th, First Grade Valentine's Program
- April 9th, Shelby County Choral Festival
- May 9th, Art in the Park
- Kindergarten Program TBD

## FOURTH GRADE VIRTUAL CONCERTS, "GENTLY SLEEP":



Scan the QR Code or type in the address below to go to our music blog! The Fourth Graders have a pretty performance for you entitled *Gently Sleep*. This is their second assessment on their recorder going over the notes "B, A, & G". They must perform this piece as a solo with 80% accuracy to get their yellow recorder belt. They are doing a wonderful job! Once you get to the blog, click on the "Virtual Concert" tab at the top and you should see a link to the video with your child's teacher's name. Enjoy!

Or Go To: <http://podcasts.shelbyed.k12.al.us/bdunham/>