

Mr. Yoham's Music Program

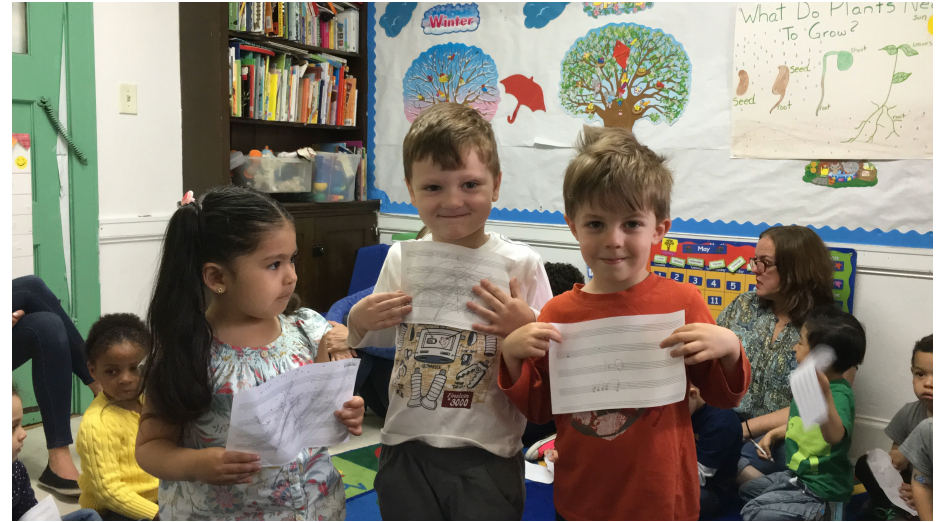
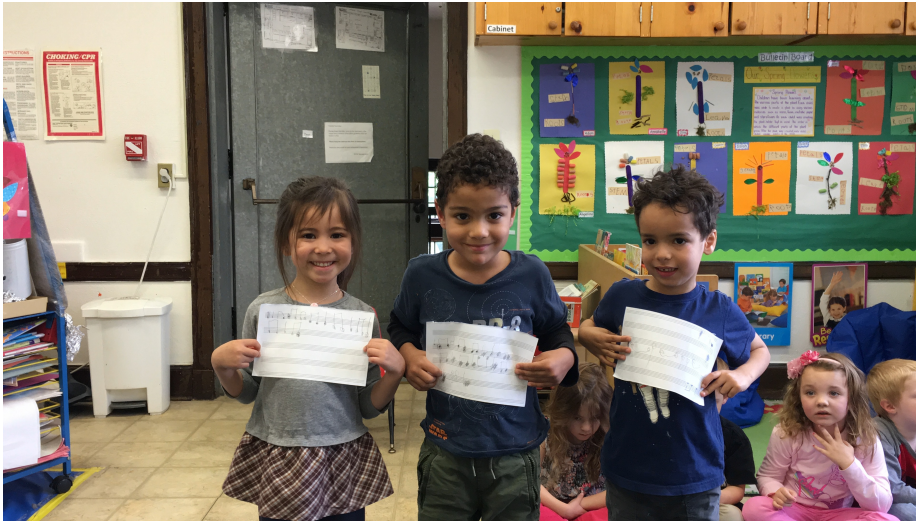
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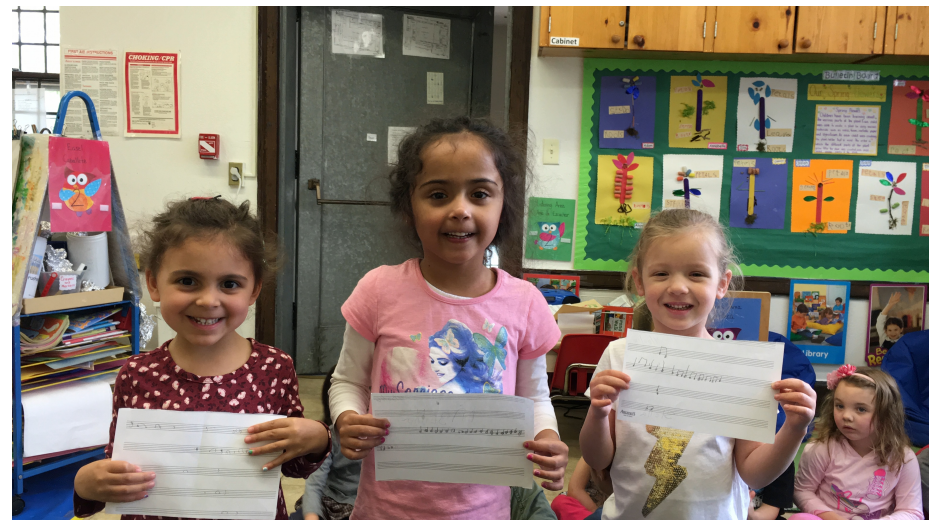
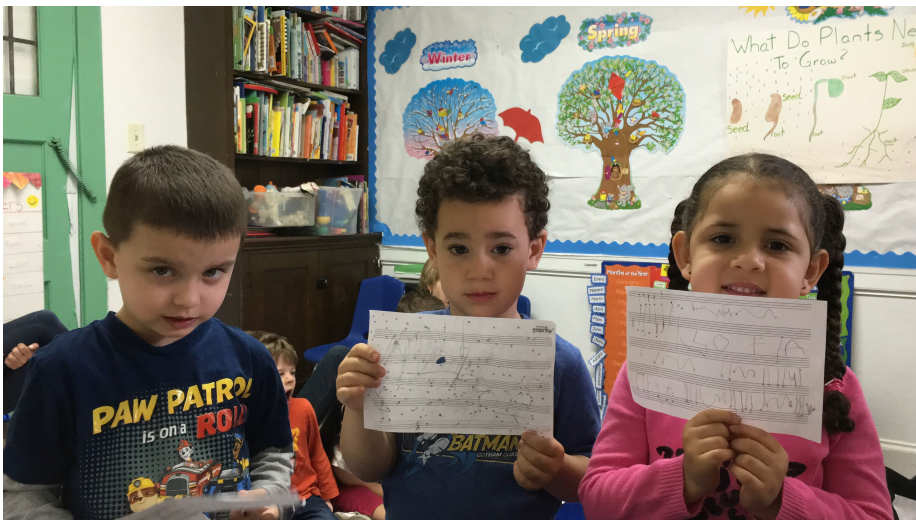
Mr. Yoham's Music Program is a curriculum designed by composer Yoham Ortiz to introduce young children to creative thinking through music.

The program is structured around the 3 basic steps that lead to creativity:

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In class, children are encouraged to recognize when they are inspired. We discuss how inspiration is the beginning of every thought, and find creative ways to communicate those thoughts. Music becomes the agent through which thoughts are communicated.



Mr. Yoham's music program encourages the idea that musical instruments are tools with which to express the music that comes from within you.

In other words:
you are the instrument.

Students are encouraged to choose a tool to communicate their thoughts and inspiration: voice, hands, or other parts of their bodies.

Students learn basic concepts of conducting and being conducted. This activity is a favorite for the children, as they each get a chance to conduct their classmates!

We learn about musical instruments from all over the world:

guitar

African kora

piano

percussion

Chinese erhu

sitar

violin, brass, and clarinet families

and many others



We cover many topics:

tempo

beats and rhythm in music

the concept of performing solo vs. ensemble

comparing musical expression with spoken language

Towards the middle of the program, children become **more confident** in communicating their thoughts and inspirations.

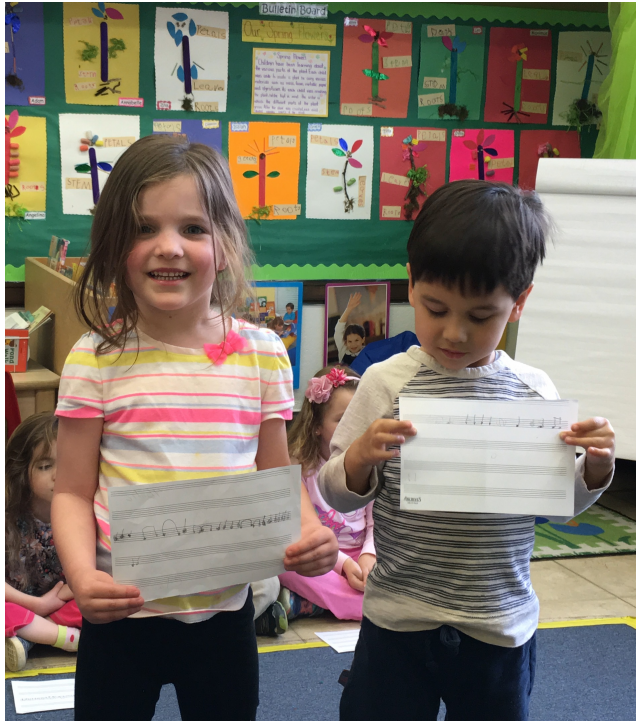
Many children **step out of their comfort zone** of shyness and sing (solo) to the class.



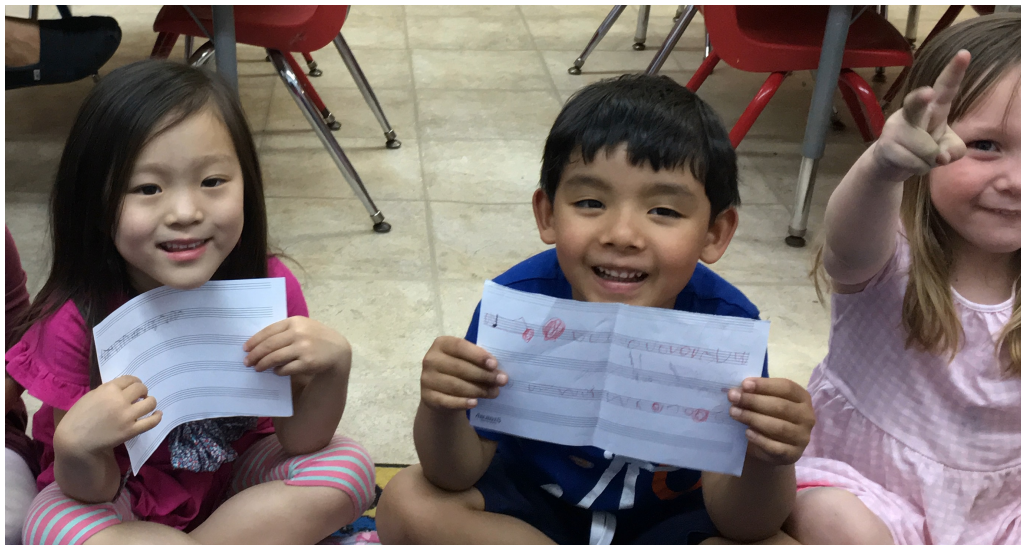
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CLASSROOM 1



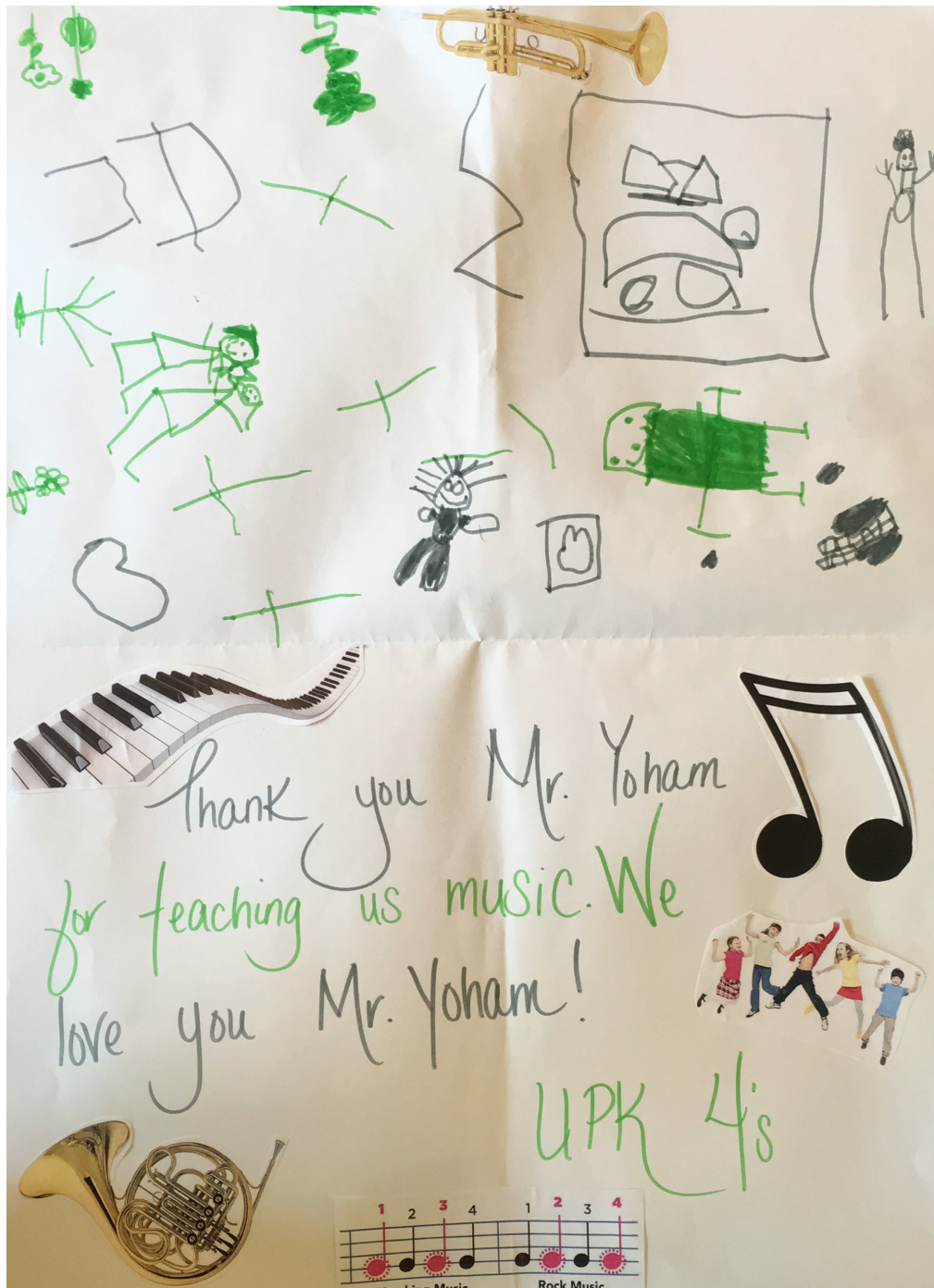
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CLASSROOM 2



Children quickly grasp the idea of communicating a thought through music notation. In the final class, each child and teacher composes a short piece on music paper, then Mr. Yoham plays everyone's music notation aloud for the class on guitar. Every composition is received with great applause!



LISTEN



Children with special learning needs have been able to fully participate in the program.

Over the course of several classes, more of their thoughts and personality shine through as they express themselves through music.

FAQs

Does Mr. Yoham's Music Program require an audition?

- *No. Anyone can participate.*

At what age can children start the program?

- *3 years and older.*

Is there any music training required?

- *No, the program is designed for musicians and non-musicians.*

Does the program focus on any particular style/genre of music?

- *No. The program explores a variety of music genres from around the world.*

Do classroom teachers participate?

- *Absolutely! Teachers have an active collaborative role in the music program.*

