

Letter from the Music Teachers

Hello families of VOICE!

I am so excited to welcome our new full-time music teacher, Alexander Arcelay, to the music department. Mr. Arcelay is a violinist and NYC native, although he has spent the last 15 years teaching music in Mexico City! Last year Mr. Arcelay received his Masters in Music Education with an emphasis in Kodaly. He and I look forward to working together in the creation of a solid and captivating music curriculum.

With the expansion of the school and music department so much more will take place this year. 2nd Grade will be a part our first VOICE Charter School Prep Choir! Plans are underway for the group to share music at local nursing homes, in addition to being featured in the upcoming winter concert.

Kindergarten and First Grade will also participate in the school's All Sing. Once a week in the morning the school will come together to solidify our sense of community through the power of music and song.

Mr. Arcelay and I are both very excited about the very promising year that lays ahead and we look forward to meeting all of you and speaking with you personally.

Sincerely,

Shelly Ley &
Alexander Arcelay
VOICE Music Teachers



Show Me! Ask Me! Sing with me!

In this space we'll let you know about new songs your children have learned so that you can ask them to sing to you, "teach" you or sing with you!

Please let Shelly or me know if you have any songs that you'd like to share with us!



Skills and concepts we are developing this week:

K-Different Voices We Use: speaking, calling and singing

1st- Differentiating between beat and rhythm, 2 meter

2nd-Sight singing the Pentatonic Scale: focus on so, la, so, mi

Voice Charter School Music Newsletter



First Week of School!
Week of September 9, 2009

Performances: In-school and Out

- ◇ Every other week students share what they have learned in their extended day workshop
- ◇ Workshops include: *Art Through Music, Percussion Ensemble, Listening to Folk and Art Music, Folk Dance/Movement, Drama Through Music, Primacy of the Ear (improv)*
- ◇ One morning a week K, 1st and 2nd meet for a morning All Sing, 15 minutes for singing together and developing a true sense of being a part of the VOICE community.

Lyrics/Songs/Rhymes

K: "See-Saw"
*See Saw, up and down,
In the sky and on the ground.*

1st: Engine, Engine

*Engine, engine number nine
Going down Chicago line
See him sparkle, see him shine
Engine, engine number nine.*

2nd Grade: "Rain Come Wet Me"

*Rain come wet me.
Sun come dry me.
Keep away, pretty girl,
Don't come nigh me!*