

Music notes from Ms. Hamric.....The leaves are falling, there is a chill in the air and everywhere you look there are reminders that Halloween will soon be here. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders finished their unit on Conducting. We ended the unit with a movie on JoAnn Faletta, a famous woman conductor.....maybe this might inspire one of our girls to pick up a baton and become a conductor too !!....K-2 students had fun this month playing along with Hap Palmer arrangements on rhythm instruments such as sticks, tambourines and triangles.....We also learned the “If You’re Angry and You Know It” song. It gave great ideas to help deal with anger.....such as counting, shooting hoops, stomping and taking deep breath’s...We also listened to music from the “What Do You Hear?” book....favorite excerpts from “Flight of the Bumblebee”, “American in Paris”, and “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies”.....All grades tested their listening skills with “Spooky Sounds”, (perfect for Halloween) and chose between melodies ascending, descending and monotone. ....They also decorated pumpkins using only musical symbols.....They were terrific....I have many artistic and creative students !.....That’s all the music news from the month of October...Happy Halloween !

Til next time,  
Ms. Connie Hamric