



# Spruce Street Nursery School

## Winter Music Newsletter

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### Our Current Repertoire

Please visit our [Google Drive](#) to listen to our favorite music class songs, and practice them at home! I've also created a [Spotify Playlist](#) of these songs and more if you prefer play the songs that way. I hope that you can use some time over Spring Break to make some music with your young musician.

This winter in music class, we have completed our unit on rhythm and are moving on to our unit on pitch and melody. Feeling a steady beat in the body is a fundamental part of early music education, setting a strong foundation for musical learning of all kinds in the years to come. Through egg shakers, rhythm sticks, and beat-focused songs and dances, our Spruce students will experience much of the musical language through guided movement and kinesthetic learning activities.

### Songs

Hand Washing Song  
Peanut Butter Sandwich  
Jelly Man Kelly  
A Little Wheel Turning in My Heart  
The Syncopated Clock  
Ram Sam Sam  
Herman the Worm  
Fooba Wooba John  
Forever Friends  
[Do Is Like A Rock](#) (Video)  
Wacky Do Re Mi



### Rhythmic Chants to play at home!

#### [Chop Chop Chippity Chop](#)

Cut off the bottom, then cut off the top  
What we have left, we'll put in the pot  
Chop chop chippity chop  
[sung] Stirring, stirring, stirring our soup  
[ask] *What should we put in our soup?*

#### [Tick tock, tick tock, goes the clock](#)

I'm waiting for someone to knock, knock, knock!  
Oh my goodness, who can it be?  
It's a \_\_\_\_\_ looking at me!  
(*Kitty cat, unicorn, bear, etc.*)



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### Hand Signs for Solfege

As we introduce pitch, tone, and melody, we have introduced the Kodaly Solfege Hand Signs as pictured here. Look at the Do Is Like A Rock video and use Wacky Do Re Mi to practice these signs at home as we use kinesthetic learning to develop sense of pitch and tonality of the major scale. Our students are doing a wonderful job with these intricate symbols!



### Freeze Dance vs. Instruments

We always spend the last 5-7 minutes of music class with free time. While this time has typically been spent playing our rhythm instruments, our Willows, Maples and Oaks have grown fond of Freeze Dance instead! Check out my Spotify Playlist for some of our favorite tunes to sing and dance to, and try playing Freeze Dance at home!

### Invite Ms. Samantha to your Birthday Party!

Having a birthday party? Invite Ms. Samantha along for the ride! Offering 30-minute packages catered to your party theme. Let's keep making music together! [boston-kids-party.com](http://boston-kids-party.com)



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