



October

CALENDAR CONNECTIONS

Dear Families,

Have fun exploring music with your students this month. Here are some activities to get you started!

Mystery Music Term

Look carefully at the calendar, and find all of the letters in bold. Unscramble the letters to spell a music term.

Mystery Melody

Here is this month's Mystery Melody:



Try singing or playing the notes to see if you can identify this piece.

Featured Musician and Listening Examples

Camille Saint-Saens is this month's featured musician. You can learn more about him at <http://www.makingmusicfun.net>. Just search for "Camille Saint-Saens. Also, spend some time listening to these famous works:

- Listen for the instrument that plays the lion's roar in "Royal March of the Lion" from *Carnival of the Animals*.
- Listen to the spooky favorite *Danse Macabre* and get in the spirit of Halloween. Can you hear the clock strike midnight and the skeletons arise and dance?

Consider keeping a family music journal. Be sure to include the name of the composer, a list of his/her pieces, as well as your thoughts, feelings, and reactions to the music. Quality recordings of all featured musical works are available for purchase at <http://music4you.lorenz.com>.

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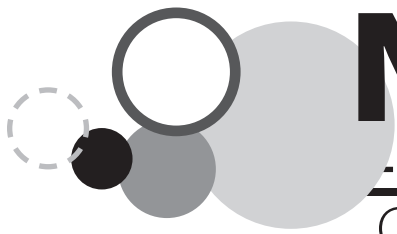
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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Kevin Jonas's birthday (1987)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>John Philip Sousa's birthday (1854)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Aaron Copland's birthday (1900)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Family Fun Night: Create your own band using household items.</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>On this day in 1969, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Gene Autry received a gold record. Miranda Lambert's birthday (1983)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>On this day in 1983, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video premiered in Los Angeles.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>John Philip Sousa's birthday (1854)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Family Fun Night: Create your own band using household items.</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>On this day in 1983, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video premiered in Los Angeles.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Family Fun Night: Have family members sing what they are most thankful for.</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Scott Joplin's birthday (1868)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Tina Turner's birthday (1939)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Hanukkah begins</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p> <p><i>Happy</i> THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>



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- Listen for all the variations you can hear in "Variations on Simple Gifts" from *Appalachian Spring*.
- Can you hear how the violin in "Hoedown" from *Rodeo* is played more like a fiddle?

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