

The Nutcracker

Week One

Grade 1

OBJECTIVE: to listen to and describe Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy."

DIRECTIONS: With a parent or family member, read through the information below and then click on the links to hear "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." When you get to the end of the doc, click on the google form to answer some questions.



Hi friends! For the next three weeks, we are going to be listening to the music of a composer named Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky. His name may not be familiar to you, but I bet his music is! He wrote the music for “The Nutcracker,” a famous ballet created in 1892.

Though very popular now, it didn’t start out that way! Two things happened that really helped to make this music famous. The first thing that happened was that a man named Walt Disney used Tchaikovsky’s music for “Fantasia,” and the second thing that

happened was that the ballet was televised (put on tv) in the late 1950's. It has been famous ever since!

The piece that you are going to hear today is called, "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy." Click on the picture of Tchaikovsky to hear "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" as seen in "Fantasia!"



Did you recognize the music? I bet you did! It's used in SO many movies and commercials this time of year!

Now, click on the ballerina to see the dance from the ballet!



Before you go, I just want to show you a picture of a “sugar plum!” Sugar plums are old-fashioned treats. Sometimes, they are just a plum-shaped hard candy and other times, they are dried plums coated with a layer of sugar.



Click on the google form link below to answer a couple questions:) Have a great week!

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