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October 25, 2011

Donna and Joy,

I would like to again extend my appreciation for your enjoyable, and very informative, presentation at Myers Elementary School on 19 October, 2011. You provided the students with a rich opportunity to experience in fun and interactive ways how music and history have come together to shape America, and how music has influenced our understanding of ourselves as Americans. Your keen integration of music with stories of our collective past, and your use of costume and instruments popular in early America - from the triangle to the fife and penny-whistle - provided all of us with a vision of just how important a role music has played in the history of our nation and the shaping of our national images and narrative. You also challenged the students to explore how important music is to not only our collective life but to our individual lives, in particular the value of music in the writing and sharing of our own, personal, life story. We too often take for granted music as a backdrop to what we do each day and, more generally, to the development of American society. But you animated a different way of thinking in your presentation by encouraging the students to keep close in mind that music is integral to what we do and to how we interpret and tell the history of our still young country. Finally, thank you for including Maestra Teresa Cheung in your program. Her participation added value to the learning experience for the students and complemented your presentation.

Jennifer Wright

Vocal Music Teacher  
Myers Elementary School

Name Madison Otto

Dear Ms. Cheung, Ms. Wissinger, Ms. Myers

Thank you for coming to our school.

It was a pleasure to meet you. I liked

when you dressed up as Johnny Appleseed.

Where did you find all of the flutes?

How did you get all of the information?

Is the piano hard to play? Does

the flute take a lot of practice?

Is it hard to be a conductor?

You did an excited performance. I had

an amazing time. How much time did

it take to learn about the

Revolutionary war? Does it take

a lot of practice to perform?

The flute is a very beautiful.

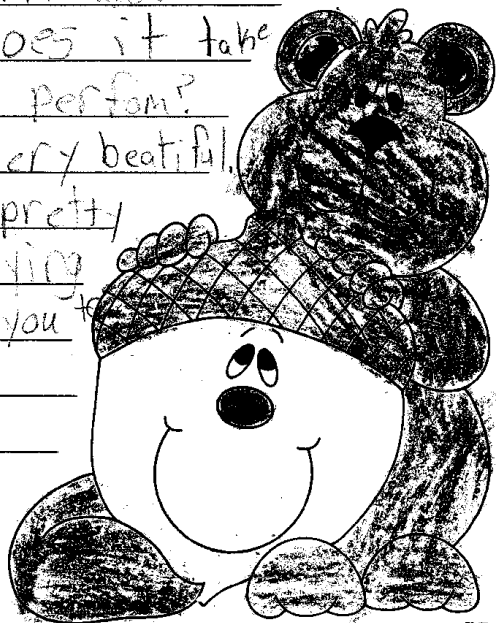
The piano is very pretty.

Do you have fun playing

it? It is very nice of you to

Come to  
our

School  
Madison Otto

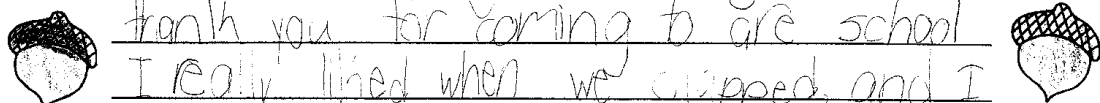




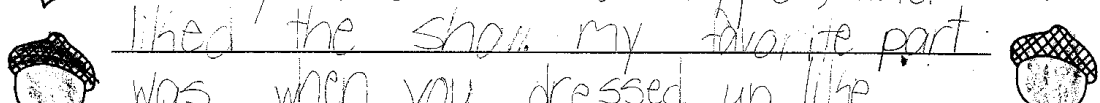
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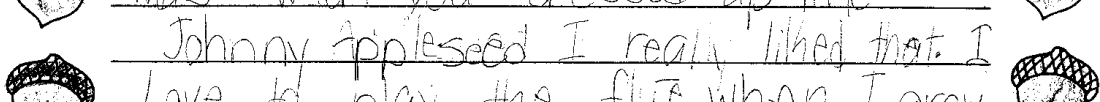
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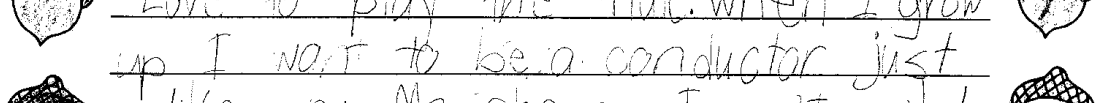
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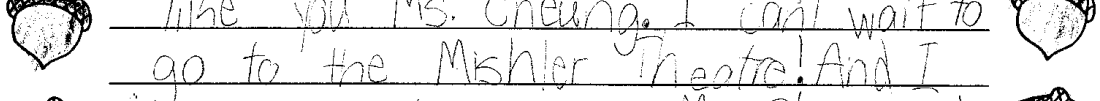
I really liked when we clipped, and I



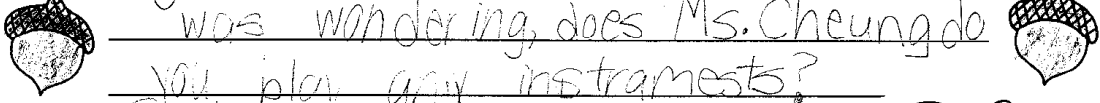
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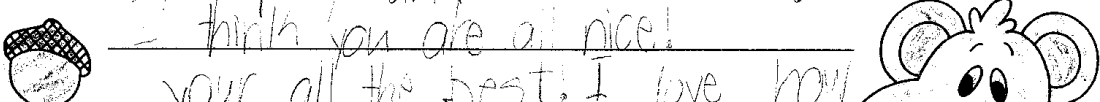
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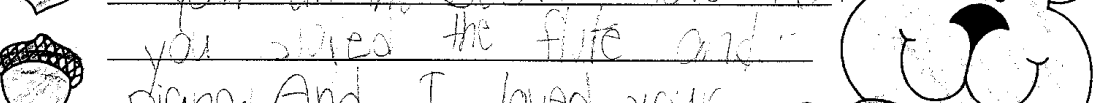
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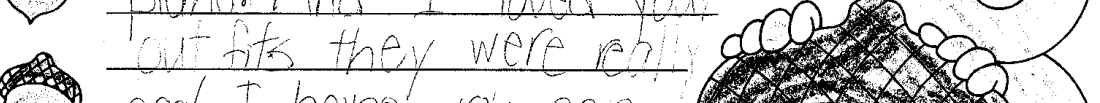
love to play the flute. When I grow



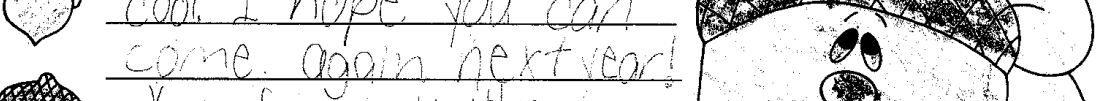
up I want to be a conductor just



like you Ms. Cheung. I can't wait to



go to the Mishler Theatre! And I



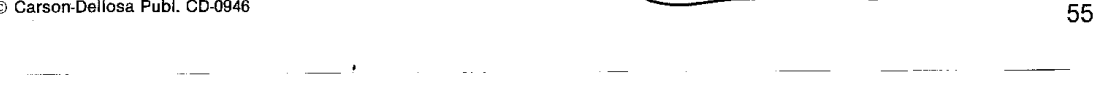
was wondering, does Ms. Cheung do



you play any instruments?



I think you are all nice!



You are all the best. I love how



you play the flute and



piano. And I loved your



outfits they were really



cool. I hope you can



come again next year!



Your friend, Haithyn

