



Milwaukee Children's Choir

Building Noteworthy Character

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Prelude News

Dear Prelude Families,

We are off and rolling in Prelude rehearsals now. Thank you to everyone who attended the Prelude Mini Retreat on Saturday last week. It was really fun to hear all of our Prelude kids singing together so early in the season! Thank you to the children for their energy and bright singing on a Saturday morning. We hope to see that energy and excitement in our rehearsals as well. At this point, all singers should have received their rehearsal CD. Listening to our music outside of our weekly rehearsals will greatly help the singers memorize our songs. Your child should have also come home with a lyrics sheet to assist the kids in singing with the CD. If you no longer have that sheet, please feel free to print another as it is attached to this newsletter email. Your child also should have brought home a rhythm worksheet. About once a month we will be sending home music note practice sheets. We highly encourage our singers to complete the practice sheets as we move through our curriculum. This added practice will help all singers grow as music readers. Have a great weekend and looking forward to another fantastic week in rehearsals!

Annemarie Travia
Prelude Coordinator

Prelude Rehearsal Sites

Prelude East - Tuesdays	6:00-7:00 PM	MYAC
Prelude West - Wednesdays	4:45-5:45 PM	Mt. Carmel Lutheran (Tosa)
Prelude North -Thursdays	5:15-6:15 PM	Mequon United Methodist

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule:

September

Week of 19 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 26 th -	Regular Rehearsals

October

Week of 3 rd -	Regular Rehearsals / Open Rehearsal
Week of 10 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 17 th -	Regular Rehearsals
Week of 24 th -	Regular Rehearsals

Office News

Enrollment: MCC open enrollment closed Saturday, Sept. 17. If you have a friend at school, church, or in the neighborhood that loves to sing, they will have another opportunity to join MCC after Thanksgiving or at the beginning of

January (depending on the choir site). Please have your friends contact the MCC office at 414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org to learn more.

Choir Handbook: Please see the link on this week's eNews message to download your very own copy of MCC's choir handbook. A link for the handbook is also posted...you guessed it...on the Members Only page of our website: www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org.

Roundy's We Care Program is No More! Roundy's (Pick 'n Save) has discontinued their We Care fundraising program for non-profits. Please send suggestions about other community fundraising programs our way as the MCC staff would love to consider alternative options (414-221-7040 or membership@milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Thanks for all the great feedback!

Reporting Attendance: In order to be excused, your MCC Rehearsal Assistant must be notified via the absence button on the Members Only page of the MCC website (www.milwaukeechildrenschoir.org). Families without internet access may phone the MCC office at 414-221-7040 to report their child's absence. Failure to notify the Rehearsal Assistant of an absence will cause the absence to be unexcused.

See the next page for your lyrics sheet!

Have a terrific weekend!

I Had a Little Nut Tree

I had a little nut tree and nothing would it bear,
But a silver nutmeg and a golden pear.
The King of Spain's daughter came to visit me.
And all for the sake of my little nut tree.

Her dress was all of crimson. Coal black was her hair.
She asked me for my nutmeg and my golden pear.
I said so fair a princess never did I see.
I'll give to you the fruit of my little nut tree.

I danced over water, I skipped across the sea.
And all the birds in the air couldn't catch me.

Song of the River

Can you hear the song of the river, the voice of the gentle stream?
It sings as it spills and slumbers, then it flows swift and sure to the sea.
My song is like the river, growing stronger as years flow by,
And time makes both more lovely, the river's song and mine.

Can you hear the song of the river, singing on when the storm clouds roll?
Though wind and rain pass over stronger still, the river flows.
My song is like the river running sure under stormy skies.
And the rain makes both more lovely, the river's song and mine.

My song is like the river running sure under stormy skies.
And the rain makes both more lovely, the river's song and mine.
The rain makes both more lovely, the river's song and mine.

Cock-a-doodle-doo!

Cock-a-doodle-doo! My dame has lost her shoe.
My master's lost his fiddling stick and doesn't know what to do.
And doesn't know what to do, and doesn't know what to do.
My master's lost his fiddling stick and doesn't know what to do.

Cock-a-doodle-doo! What is my dame to do?
Til master finds his fiddling stick she'll dance without her shoe.
She'll dance without her shoe. She'll dance without her shoe.
Til master finds his fiddling stick she'll dance without her shoe.

Cock-a-doodle-doo! My dame has found her shoe.
And master's found his fiddling stick, sing cock-a-doodle-doo!
Sing cock-a-doodle-doo! Sing cock-a-doodle-doo!
And master's found his fiddling stick, sing cock-a-doodle-doo!

