

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have had an exciting week using our music integration program, My Music Starts Here! With this program, we use high-quality music learning to help support our brain development, social-emotional development, and overall wellness all while singing, moving to music, and playing games!

This week, we continued singing the beautiful song “Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree”. We also learned the poem “Pinocho” in Spanish! Find the words and translation below so that you can practice this with your child. What a fun and engaging way to practice speaking and counting in Spanish – and with a steady beat!

We also learned to sing the song “Gray Squirrel” and do the motions! Ask your child to sing the song for you and do the motions. Watch for them to wrinkle their nose and swish their tail! If all the details aren’t quite there yet – that’s okay! Practice the song with your child at home a few times each day until they can say all of the words and do all of the motions without your help. This is a wonderful activity to support their language development and working memory while also having fun and bonding with your sweet kiddo.

And remember – sing and dance with your child every day! Enjoying music together is one of the best things we can do to ensure that our children are set up for a lifetime of joyful learning!

Sincerely,  
Mary

### Pinocho

En la casa de Pinocho,  
Solo cuentan hasta ocho.

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho!

English translation:

In the house of Pinocho,  
They only count till eight!

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight!

### Gray Squirrel

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.

Wrinkle up your funny nose,  
Hold a nut between your toes.

Gray squirrel, gray squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.