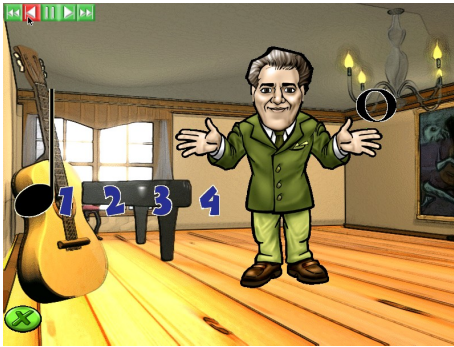




Lesson 23

Today in Class



Today Mr. Villa Lobos told us how he traveled his country of Brazil gathering folk songs. Folk songs are favorite songs of people that are not written down and are passed around just by singing and playing them. Mr. Villa Lobos wrote down these songs so they would never be forgotten. Often he would write his own new songs based on folk songs. Today we learned something really important! Today we

learned that notes with 4 counts are called WHOLE NOTES. A WHOLE NOTE is a big empty circle with NO TAIL. It looks a bit like a pumpkin! We played some of our favorite songs using HALF NOTES and QUARTER NOTES and WHOLE NOTES. We played a new song called "Upside Down Bounce". This is a funny song using only our left hand.

This Week at Home

- Review the lesson with Mr. Villa Lobos and count carefully on the QUARTER NOTES, HALF NOTES AND WHOLE NOTES. Sometimes it's difficult to hold our finger down long enough.
- Visit Miss Melody to hear a wonderful guitar study. What is a "study"? Miss Melody will help you play some new songs that are quite tricky and lots of fun. Keep both of your hands in "Middle C" position and watch those ant tunnels!
- Miss Melody will help you with the note names on your piano keyboard. Can you tell your adult the names of the notes in "middle C" position? Can your adult remember and tell you?
- Have fun in the Games Room helping the bird gather leaves. Be quick so the gardener doesn't rake them up!