Hello Students and Families!

I hope this note finds you well and that you enjoyed some sunshine this weekend. Are there any plants coming up in your garden or around your neighbourhood? In our house we are having fun looking for new plants coming up every day. We call them baby plants, and our toddler says “Awww, beebee pant!”

Do you have any songs that make you think of spring? One song that makes me think of spring is “Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley because of all the sweet little birds that come around. The other day a chickadee ate some bird seed right out of my hand! Take a look at the picture. “Three Little Birds” is also a reggae song, just like “Reggae Got Soul”, and happens it to have a nice positive message. Have a listen if you like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaGUr6wzyT8>. What similarities do you hear between the two? Do the rhythms sound similar? Do the notes go right on the beat or off the beat? \*Tip: tap or clap the beat (in groups of four) and see what you think.

Here is a fun feel good song for this week. This song is called “I Feel Good” and is by a very famous soul singer named James Brown. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1wOK9yGUYM>. See the Music Genre Appreciation document for more, and check out the bonus challenge for a special James Brown dance challenge ☺. I would love to hear what you think of the song, and I would especially like to see some videos of you and your family enjoying the song! Please feel free to email me at cbeattie@sd57.bc.ca. Thank you so much to the students who shared their work and dance parties with me so far!

Bye for now ☺

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