

Music is the Key at JCCE

Students in Joyce Montalvo's 4th and 5th grade music program at John C. Calhoun Elementary School are learning to play music on keyboards. Mrs. Montalvo said, "After students learn notes on the staff they are taught to play *Hot Cross Buns* on the keyboard. All of the students were able to succeed and sign a sheet saying they could play the tune. This was the students' first attempt, but we will continue playing tunes for weeks to come as the tunes get more challenging." Mrs. Montalvo's favorite part of teaching her students to play the keyboard is seeing the impact it has on their confidence. "They light up when they realize they have learned the tune they had been working on. When their hand goes up quickly I know they are ready to play for me, and I am given the opportunity to cheer for them. The keyboard unit teaches more than notes and keys, it teaches pride and confidence. Music is the key...in more ways than one."



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