

Sweet sound of violin strings coming from Villa Montessori



Shown above are the little violinists at Villa Montessori Center with their teachers.

Walk by the Villa Montessori Center at 5620 Broadway Ave. and you might hear the sounds of Suzuki violin music in the air.

Through a grant from Neighborhood Connections, Villa Montessori Center and Broadway School of Music & the Arts (BSMA) have collaborated on a violin program based on the Suzuki Method and taught by Yuko Nakamura from BSMA.

Students at Villa Montessori learn how to care for the violin, as well as posture, musical beat, rhythm and naming and plucking the strings,

all in preparation for playing an actual song.

The program began in early January, and students shared a group lesson during Catholic Schools Week recently with special guest musician Obie Shelton, a television newsman who has been playing the violin since he was seven-years-old.

Sister Marie Verez, principal of Villa Montessori Center, said they hope to continue this music program for the kindergartners next school year.