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### **Kindergarteners Become Music Composers**

**Ashwaubenon, WI – February 24, 2010** – Children’s musicians Tom Pease and Stuart Stotts will, for the 6<sup>th</sup> year, join the students of Ashwaubenon’s Cormier Early Learning Center as Artists in Residence. Pease and Stotts will present a concert for all students on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and then travel with music teacher Kim Carlson to each classroom where the students will help compose their own lyrics to songs. After practicing their songs the students will present a concert for family and friends to debut their work. .

This event coincides with Music in Our Schools Month, a month long celebration sponsored by the Music Educators National Conference which celebrates all the great things a music program brings to the lives of our children. “For our children to work with artists like this and write their own songs is a really unique experience. Most children at this age naturally are composing songs all the time, just making up tunes and words to describe the things that are important in their lives.” said music teacher Kim Carlson. “This program is the highlight of the year for most of our students as well as the fact that we are able to cover several of our national and music education standards.”

Each class will write a verse to a song, with several classes sharing a song. Even the teachers get in on the act each year rewriting the words to the song “Moving On To First Grade” to give each graduating Kindergarten class a personalized song to remember their year at Cormier. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m., after much hard work by all the school staff to help the children perfect their songs, the whole activity will be showcased at a family fun concert. The concert allows the families of students to come and hear what their children have been doing and celebrate with them all the exciting things they have learned as they prepare to go on to a new school in first grade. The night also includes a pizza party and a mini concert by Tom and Stuart.

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