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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BIRTHDAYS

Help us wish a happy birthday to **Emma**

Burnham who celebrated her birthday on December 23 AND Kidstunes founder **Lara Davis** on January 24th.

Anniversaries

Congratulations **Delise Germond** who celebrated 2 years with Kidstunes in December and **Emma Burnham** for one year this month!

Musical Children



Lara's Letter



January 2019

We hope you all had a joyous holiday season and are looking forward to a new and exciting year ahead!

We've had so much fun learning about Pitch and Melodic Direction through holiday songs, masterworks, playing our resonator bells and using our high and low voices with stories, and many other instruments that show the difference in high and low sounds and moving up and down the scale. We continue into January with this unit before we begin with Musical Expression!

2018 was a busy year for Kidstunes! We welcomed four new instructors to our

staff, expanded West into the Hickory area and introduced our program into twelve new centers! Spreading the joy of music into as many young lives as possible is what we do best, and we couldn't be happier with the growth we've experienced.

We want to thank all of the parents and childcare administrators who see the value in Early Childhood Music Education and entrust Kidstunes to provide the best program to their children. Also, to all of the classroom teachers who participate with the children showing them how fun music can be, we thank you for your dedication.

And the Teacher of the Year Goes to...



Congratulations to **Miss Emma** for being named the 2018 Kidstunes Teacher of the Year! Emma started with Kidstunes in January of 2018 and immediately hit the ground running reaching out to centers in the Hickory area to begin expanding our program to the Western part of North Carolina. In the first year, nine new schools have had the opportunity to offer our music and movement classes to their students with Miss Emma!

Not only is Miss Emma a fabulously talented instructor, but her enthusiasm for the program and teaching more children is contagious. Emma's determination and enthusiasm has certainly rubbed off on her students. A parent recently wrote:

"I want to thank you for everything you give to Lilly during your music classes! She absolutely enjoys it. Each Sunday she is asking how often she has to sleep until she can go to your class again. And in the evenings, we play 'Miss Emma' and she picks me up for 'my' music class - it is amazing."

We are so happy to have her on our team! Here's to a New Year of new possibilities!

Have You Noticed Anything Different on our Facebook Page?

You may have noticed an increase in our online presence lately. That is because we are happy to announce that one of our fantastic instructors, **Delise Germond** has added on a new role with Kidstunes as Media Coordinator. Please feel free to share your photos, comments about your child's music class experiences and videos with her at delise@kidstunes.org. It is important to us that parents, directors and classroom teachers have every opportunity to be involved in our music classes!

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January - Pitch & Melodic Direction (con't)

Pitch (continued from December) is the highness or lowness of a tone.

Melodic Direction is the movement of pitch—either moving up, moving down, or staying the same. Once students are able to distinguish between high and low sounds, we explore the differences in musical notes that gradually get higher in pitch, lower in pitch, or simply repeat! Naturally, we explore these concepts with our voices, but Kidstunes teachers will also combine body movements that become gradually higher or lower, props (such as scarves or streamers), pictures and games involving familiar things that move, and playing instruments along



with various musical selections that exemplify these extremes.

Resonator bells will be introduced and explored in many ways, including the ascending ladder which shows both visually and aurally how the pitch moves up and down. Students are encouraged to move the way they feel the music is moving, so their learning process may be evaluated. There are many songs and chants that slowly move up and down the scale (the child can slowly grow or shrink), and even a few that get "stuck" on the same note (the child can then repeat movements in the same 'place').

Musical Moments

There are many simple ways in which you can help your child understand the difference between their low, middle and high voice, as well as increase their vocal range and listening skills. Here are some ideas:

- ♪ Sing any simple two- or three-note phrase, possibly using "Hello" or "I Love You," and ask your child to sing it back to you matching your pitches/voice. Vary your voice using low tones one time, then medium, then high.
- ♪ Pretend to drive a fire truck and use your voices for the siren. How high & low / fast & slow can you make it go?
- ♪ Go to the park -- or just pretend you're at the park (great for cold/

rainy days!) -- and play on the slide. Encourage your child to make their voice get higher, higher, higher with each step of the ladder saying, "up, up, up, up" or even counting each step, "one, two, three, four!" Then, "slide" your voices down saying "woooo" or "weeee" as you go down, down, down the slide... Then run around the back and go again!

You can also visit www.Kidstunes.org for more ideas!

