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**Sunday, June 17
Happy Father's
Day
to all the
special dads.**



Musical Children



Lara's Letter



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SUMMER PHEW - what a year! Students have been busy learning the fundamentals of music since the beginning of the school-year and have had so much fun! They've learned about Keeping a Steady Beat, Long and Short Sounds, Rhythm and Notation, High and Low Sounds and Melodic Direction, Musical Expression, Tone Color, Families of Instruments and the Orchestra and Moods and Styles of Music! All of these elements help make up the sounds and rhythms that are unique to different cultures. There are also different types of instruments used all over the world that often help distinguish the origin of the music.

Using various modes of transportation, children will have their "passports" stamped

each week as they explore the instruments, songs, dances and language of cultures around the world. Popular stops are Mexico, Africa, Hawaii, Ireland and the Caribbean, but there will be many more to visit.



If you have any instruments or interesting souvenirs or experiences from other countries, please feel free to contact your Kidstunes instructor about sharing these with the class.



Music After Kidstunes

Many parents ask us about what's next in their child's musical journey. Although many elementary schools have music programs, around the age of six is a perfect time to start your child with an instrument. Musikgarten offers an excellent group piano program, which we offer through Kidstunes Academy at our studio in Burlington. Please visit www.KidstunesAcademy.com to learn more about these classes and how to enroll. There are also many other Musikgarten studios, likely in your area, that do the same. You can find a teacher near you at www.Musikgarten.org.

Having instruments at home is a great way to get your child started. A few basic instruments to consider are the recorder, ukulele, piano/keyboard and xylophone. These are all pitched instruments that your child can play around with and maybe pick out some songs as their ear develops. Your local music store will have names of private teachers when your child is ready to begin lessons.

A Father's Day Song

Sung to the tune of
"I'm a Little
Teapot"

I've got something
special for Father's Day
To thank you for the
love that you give me
every day
It's just a little heart but
it says all I can say
And it's just for you on
Father's Day

I put my hands together
this is how I start
I curve my fingers
around so they make a
heart
Then a blow it like a kiss
and I send it your way
And it's just for you on
Father's Day



Helping Your Child Succeed in Kindergarten Mayo Clinic

- **Keep your child healthy.** Ensure that your child eats healthy foods, gets plenty of sleep and receives routine medical checkups. Before the start of kindergarten, make sure your child has had a recent physical exam and is up to date on immunizations.
 - **Develop routines.** Choose regular times for your child to eat, play and sleep each day. This will help your child know what to expect and what's expected from him or her.
 - **Encourage the development of basic skills.** Work with your child to help him or her recognize letters, numbers, colors and shapes.
 - **Read, rhyme and play games with your child.** Make reading a daily family activity. Rhyming and playing with your child also are important for his or her development.
- Don't rely on computer programs that teach your child to read. Reading benefits your child most when it's a shared, interactive experience. An ebook offers as much benefit as a print book — as long as you and your child read it together.
- **Expose your child to learning experiences.** Look for opportunities to broaden your child's horizons, such as preschool. Take your child to the museum or enroll him or her in community art or science programs.
 - **Encourage socialization.** Promote your child's social development by signing him or her up for group activities and inviting friends to go on outings. Encourage your child to share, express his or her feelings, practice taking turns, and follow simple directions.
 - **Talk about kindergarten.** Build excitement and lessen anxiety by explaining what your child's routine might be like in kindergarten. Many schools offer an open house before the school year starts. Make it a priority to attend with your child and show your enthusiasm. If your child's school doesn't offer this type of orientation event, call the school to schedule another visit.

Musical Moments

Hello to All the Children of the World

We'll be learning new languages soon!
Throughout the summer, we use songs in other languages. One of our favorites is a Hello song that shows how different countries say "Hello"! And yes, they DO learn all these words :-)
See if you can sing —or just chant it — with them at home!

Hello, Bonjour (French), Buenos Dias (Spanish)...
G'Day (Australian), Guten Tag (German), Kon Nihi Wa (Japanese)!
Ciao (Italian), Shalom (Hebrew), Dobre Dyen (Russian)...
HELLO to all the children of the world!

Fun in Italy

Everyone loves pizza and spaghetti. You can have a "food fight" using yarn for spaghetti.



Then sing this song about pizza to the tune of Bingo.

♪ There is a pizza that I like and it is very yummy.
P-I-Z-Z-A, P-I-Z-Z-A, P-I-Z-Z-A
And it is very yummy!
(everyone can add what they like on their pizza)
And on my pizza I like cheese (pepperoni, sausage, etc.)
And it is very yummy.
P-I-Z-Z-A, P-I-Z-Z-A, P-I-Z-Z-A
And it is very yummy! ♪

