

MUSIC EXPLORERS



The purpose of these classes is to assist you in enabling your child to become tune-ful, beat-ful and art-ful by actively participating in informal music and movement activities based on traditional folk songs and rhymes. We will sing, dance and play together in class and hopefully you'll continue making music throughout the week at home.

These classes are based on early childhood research related to the development of music intelligence, singing skills, sensitivity to the beat, expressive movement, musical memory and neurological connections. Each of us is born with a level of musical aptitude which is innate. In other words, our musical abilities do not depend on whether other members of our family are musical. A child's potential to achieve musically is a product of both nature and nurture. The preschool years are the richest in terms of the development of musical aptitude. After age 9, musical growth is only achievement of the aptitude reached up to that time.

Here are some general guidelines:

- ♪ It's expected that you will participate in all of the activities. This will help you to learn them and will also be more enjoyable for your child.
- ♪ It's helpful if each child attending has their own adult. If you have 2 children attending, please have the older child bring a stuffed animal they can use as their "baby" for some of the activities.
- ♪ It's normal for a child to be unresponsive in class and then participate more freely when at home. It's fine if your child roams around the room during our time together as long as they don't divert other children's attention.
- ♪ Please focus on your child and try not to talk with other adults during class. Before and after is fine of course!

Children respond to music as if it were magic. This program offers an opportunity to nurture that natural interest. We will celebrate life in song by singing along, moving along, playing along or by just going along!

