



## Musical Connections 2014-2015 Brochure



Eastridge Community Church 3727 W. Arrowhead Road, Duluth, MN 55812

### **Philosophy:**

Every child will find success when allowed to blossom and develop at their own level. Each child is unique and has strengths to build upon. Using the philosophy of Kindermusik as well as exposing children to the arts, allows children to think creatively, to build their own ideas, solve problems in more than one way and try new things. These skills not only create an excellent foundation for learning as children move into the academic world and throughout life, but they make learning fun. Helping children develop their language and social skills helps them to be able to interact and enjoy friendships that will develop a basis for interactions in the future.

### **Program Options:**

**Early Threes** on Wednesday are for children who are three after September 1, 2014 but before March 1, 2015 that are ready for a preschool experience without their parents. This program is designed to offer all the components of the Kindermusik Program and philosophy where children are exposed to music in all shapes and forms as well as opportunities to participate in a structured preschool program with active hands on learning with peers in a developmentally friendly and appropriate atmosphere. The focus is on developing the whole child and focus on his or her unique needs. The program is two hours and music, snack, group, fine motor and large motor, language, literacy, play, and self help skills are all woven in a non threatening relaxed atmosphere in a small setting. Communication between home and school happens daily, through newsletters, e-mails, phone calls, as well as parent trainings.

**Preschool** on Tuesdays and Fridays are for children that turn three after Sept 1, 2014 up to age 5. This is a Two and one half hour program that offers Kindermusik programming, as well as is intended for supporting emergent learners with writing, early reading, math, group activities, fine motor, large motor, story telling, dance, and movement. This program is intended for kids who are ready for longer sustained play, and have more developed social, fine motor and gross motor skills. The daily rhythm of the program features art, free play in a variety of interest centers and circle times with music, movement, stories, and social development. Children will have opportunities to learn ukelele, early piano, glockenspiel, recorder, as well as early music theory, and understand a variety of rhythms. This program has lunch as part of the program. Because of allergies and health concerns of some children, each child will bring their own lunch to honor their family philosophy. Communication between home and school happens daily and is an integral part of the program.

All program runs for 29 sessions from September 19, 2014 to May 22, 2015 (no classes on 10/15, 11/26, 12/ 24, 31, 2/18, 4/8)

1 hour of Kindermusik programming with an additional hour of sensory social play!



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### **Why Music?**

- \*All children have musical potential. Every child has the potential for successful, meaningful interactions with music.
- \*Children bring their own unique interest and abilities to the music learning environment.
- \*Very young children are capable of developing critical thinking skills through musical ideas.
- \*Children's play is their work. Musical exploration lends opportunities for play.
- \*Children learn best in pleasant physical and social environments
- \*Diverse learning environments are needed to serve the developmental needs of individual children.

### **Digital Guides and CD's**

All of the programs have a theme every four weeks and digital guides and CD's go home so families can experience Kindermusik outside of the children's preschool experience.

### **Subscription**

Kindermusik offers a subscription method so families can register on [www.tunedinwithcindy.com](http://www.tunedinwithcindy.com) and pay a monthly subscription that is automatically deducted from their account.

### **Multi Sensory Learning:**

Think about something that you experienced with your child that you hope to hold in your heart forever. What do you remember? The sound of her laughter, the smell of his head, the sight of her sleeping in those footed pajamas, the warmth of his skin right after a bath, the taste of bananas when she tried to feed you her snack? Whatever the memory, you probably recall it through more than one of your five senses. There is a reason for that! Experiences that integrate several senses simultaneously are responsible for lasting impressions. Each of our five senses (sight, smell, sound, touch, taste) activates specific neurons in the brain. For your child, multi-sensory activities provide more learning opportunities than single-sensory activities. In Kindermusik, we encourage multi-sensory learning. So, while your child listens to and imitates animal sounds vocally or with an instrument, sees the animals in the story, and moves around like an animal, he is learning....and making musical memories that he will hold in his heart forever. Everyday connection: Multi-vitamins for the senses.



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### **Schedule:**

September 9-12 first week of classes

September 16 Family Ice Cream Social 6-7:15

October 14-17 no classes this week

November 18 Family Stone Soup Supper and Science Night 6-7:15

November 25-28 Fall Recess: Thanksgiving

December 16 Parent Shopping and Date Night: We watch the kids 6-8:00

December 23-January 13: Holiday Break

January 14-17 Beginning of 2nd Semester

February 17-20 Winter Break

March 17 Pizza and literacy night 6-7:15

April 14-17 No classes Spring Break

May 5: Tuesday class performance during class and class party 11:00-12:30

May 6: Wednesday class performance during class and class party 11-12:00

May 12-15 Last week of classes

To be scheduled parent workshops and training sessions.

