



Kindermusik is the single best choice you can make for your child again and again!

This handout shows you why.

Kindermusik is the single best choice for children newborn to age seven. Researched and designed to create a rich, holistic learning experience for young children, the Kindermusik class environment employs the best of developmentally appropriate practice (D.A.P.) as identified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Developmentally appropriate practice means:

- Content is integrated in activities that touch every aspect of children's development across the learning domains (social, emotional, physical, cognitive, musical, language).
- Content is presented through thematic connections that "speak" to children.
- Content meets each individual child's unique needs within his own cultural environment.

The following information shows how *Kindermusik Adventures* nurtures your child's development.





Kindermusik Adventures™

Young children are very curious about the world around them, eager to explore and make discoveries. This natural curiosity is an important component in the development of creative thought.

Kindermusik Adventures draws on your child's natural curiosity and nurtures it to support his creative potential. Using an integrated approach with music, movement, storytelling, and (for the upper ages) pretend play, drama, and art, *Adventures* stimulates imagination, spontaneity, inquiry, and a love of music for your child.

Each *Adventures* lesson creates an informal, playful environment that encourages children to contribute their original ideas, to experience new music activities, to discover and explore new information, to work cooperatively with others, and to keep their spontaneous music play and sense of wonder alive. *Adventures* is all about nurturing creative thought and the creative potential that exists in every young child.

The content of *Adventures* is integrated in activities that delight and interest your child even as they touch every aspect of your child's development—social, emotional, physical, cognitive, musical, and language. Here are just a few examples of the developmental benefits experienced in an *Adventures* class.

Social

- Children practice sharing and cooperation during instrument exploration activities.
- Singing games give children the opportunity to learn social patterns, interact with others in a positive way, and learn to communicate more effectively with others.

Emotional

- The ritual of singing the Welcome and Goodbye songs at the beginning and end of each class provides children with predictable structures and contributes to their emotional development.
- Interaction with other children in a positive environment helps children develop emotional intelligence—the recognition and

management of unique feelings, developing empathy, and the handling of relationships with others.

Physical

- Opportunity to develop body control during movement activities. For example, during free dances, young children practice balance while walking and experiment with new movements.
- Older children have the opportunity to practice their fine motor skills in art activities.

Cognitive

- Learning to solve problems constructively.
- Development of listening skills that focus attention.
- Invitations to be expressive, increasing creativity.

Musical

- Expanded listening repertoire to include music of many styles.
- Opportunity to explore and play different instruments—freely and to a song or beat.
- Children experience the basic elements of music including tempo, dynamics, tone color, melody, and harmony.

Language

- Through story time, children learn to value and enjoy reading.
- Enhanced language and speech skills through songs, chants, and rhymes.

Kindermusik Adventures is about doing, and it will actively engage your child in a variety of hands-on activities. Whether bundling up for a journey to "Where Cold Winds Blow," taking an imaginary trip to Mexico for a fiesta day, digging up worms in the "Backyard," or keeping the sand out of your sandwich on a trip to the seaside, *Adventures* will bring pleasure and a sense of accomplishment while encouraging your child to discover and develop different mediums for self expression. Register your child today for this journey into creativity and learning.