

KINDERMUSIK SIGN&SING™ COURTESY INFORMATION

1. *Kindermusik Sign&Sing™* offers parents and caregivers techniques for communicating with their children through American Sign Language (ASL). Playful songs and activities will help you to become comfortable with signing. These shared activities promote healthy families by fostering intimacy, communication, and learning between you and your child/children.
2. Most of the activities include conceptually related props, such as toys that help make the songs and activities more concrete for young children and thus facilitate sign learning.
3. This curriculum helps parents learn ASL signs that are useful and interesting for communicating with hearing infants and young children. You will learn how to integrate signs naturally into everyday life with your child/children. The activities and techniques foster meaningful two-way communication between you and your child/children.
4. *Sign&Sing* utilizes the *Four Keys to Signing Smart Success™*. These are tools and strategies to allow children to sign back as quickly and extensively as possible. The Four Keys include: how to notice and create signing opportunities, how to bring signs into daily play and routines, how to recognize and respond to your child's version of signs, and how to facilitate early communication and long-term learning.
5. This course is comprised of two, 5-week sessions (A and B), in which 50 ASL signs will be covered in each. For each session in which you have registered, you will receive a set of materials. The **At-Home Materials** are for home use. Utilize these home learning resources as a way to extend the class experience throughout the week.
6. The **class will begin on time** regardless of how many children are in attendance and will start with **Greeting Time** to help families settle into class in a focused and playful manner. Other lesson components include Opening Circle, Strategy Session, Group Singing, Small Group Activities, Quiet Time, Music & Movement, and Closing Circle.
7. *Sign&Sing* is not a Kindermusik class with signs added. It is a learning opportunity for parents to teach signing to their children using proven strategies and accessible tools, such as songs and play. To ensure success, incorporate what you learn in class into your daily routines with your child, using the materials to extend the learning into your home. We will teach you how to do that. Children are involved in classes so that the teacher can observe and facilitate the correct use of signs between parents and children.

5 Reasons to Use Sign Language with your Child



1. Signing uses both sides of the brain.

The right side of the brain is used for visual-spatial reasoning and long term memory. The left side is used for processing language. When you are signing with hearing children, you are reinforcing their existing language, and also giving them another way to express a concept they already know. [link](#)

2. It increases your child's vocabulary.

Using sign language increases children's vocabulary in a relatively pressure-free manner. Research shows hearing children who used sign language in their preschool classes scored better on vocabulary tests and attained higher reading levels than their non-signing peers. [link](#)

3. It reduces frustration and tantrums.

Understandably, children who are not able to speak get frustrated when you don't know what they want. A young child is able to communicate through sign language with his hands before his vocal chords are developed enough to talk.

4. Using American Sign Language (ASL) allows your child to communicate with hearing impaired people.

With an increasing aging population there will be more and more people relying on American Sign Language as a means of communication. Teaching your child signs from a young age will allow her to communicate with her hearing impaired grandparents and friends at school.

5. Signing speeds spoken language development.

By giving your child the skills to communicate early, you are encouraging her to communicate. According to Wide Eyed Learning's research using the Signing Smart method, the average 8 month old will have no spoken words, while the average child using American Sign Language will have 5 signs and 1 word. At 12 months the difference increases to 3-5 spoken words for a non-signing child and 25 signs and 16 words for a signing child. [link](#)

**Congratulations on making a great choice
in learning to sign with your child!**