

## KINDERMUSIK VILLAGE® COURTESY INFORMATION

1. Please bring a **small blanket** to class each week for your baby to sit/lie on.
2. Please **remove your shoes for the class, as well as your baby's footwear**. This way our bodies are freed to move more expressively, our brains benefit from the extra sensory stimulation provided by all the neural transmitters in the bottoms of our feet, and it keeps the floors cleaner! If you suffer from foot problems, you are welcome to bring indoor shoes/slippers.
3. Please have your baby **finish all snacks/drinks** before class begins. However, should you need to nurse or feed your baby during class, please feel free to do so.
4. Even **sleeping babies are welcome** in our class! Remember that this program is mostly for you. Think of yourself as the "student" in class; learning all you can about your Baby's development through music and how to recreate this environment in your home. This is an opportunity to build a repertoire of beneficial songs and musical activities to use everyday, not just in class.
5. Be sure your baby has had **diapers changed before class begins**. Kindly take all soiled diapers home with you for disposal.
6. The **class will begin on time** regardless of how many children are in attendance. Each class will begin with **Gathering Time**. This is a transitional time for you to "switch gears" from whatever you were doing prior to class and settle into the Village environment. This is also the time to have some informal discussions between you and other parents while the babies are engaged with simple instruments or other items to explore. It is also a time for the teacher to communicate the lesson focus or special features of a particular activity.
7. The **Hello Song** is your cue that chatting with other adults is over and your focused attention should now be on your child and the activities your teacher is facilitating. Please restrict social talk with other adults during class time. Take advantage of this wonderful and rare opportunity to fully focus on your child.
8. Each 15-week semester of Village has two units. You will receive 2 sets of **At-Home Materials** – one at the beginning of the semester and one at week eight. These resources are for use in your home to extend the learning and support you in your role as your child's best teacher. You do not need to bring the materials to class. New this year, as part of your packet, you will receive a specially-designed instrument for your baby instead of the old Home Journal.
9. Try to learn the songs and activities from the **At-Home CD** as quickly as possible. This will greatly enhance enjoyment and progress both in class and at home.
10. **Always be enthusiastic, maintain constant eye contact and smile often** with Baby in class. Attempt to participate in all activities following your Baby's mood and developmental abilities, remembering however, that this class is designed to provide you with a repertoire of musical activities for home, as well as an understanding of how music develops your Baby's brain and prepares her for learning. If Baby is not in the mood for something today; if he/she is sleeping, or nursing; it's okay to simply sit or lie down and rock, or with a more active Baby, to crawl or trot alongside. There may be a better time at home to try the activity again.
11. Children between newborn and 1½ years are learning patterns of movement so it's encouraged to physically manipulate Baby's limbs while enjoying the music. "**Intentional touch**" activities are part of every lesson.
12. **Don't be afraid to sing** to your Baby. He/she loves the sound of your voice no matter how badly you think you sound! The Home CD and your teacher will provide you with an appropriate vocal model.
13. *Kindermusik Village* is most effective when there is **one baby per caregiver**. Should you have visitors who would like to observe the class, they are most welcome to observe through our viewing windows or

if space allows to join us in class. However, please limit any visitors to 1 or 2 per class and let your teacher know ahead of time.

**Village with Seniors:**

14. Please note that segments of our classes may be videotaped or photographed in order to collect data on the effect of this program on the senior participants, or for promotional purposes. It will not be used without your written consent.
15. In respect for the health of the other children in class and of the seniors, please **stay home** rather than coming to class **should you or your child become ill**. The participating seniors will also be asked to follow the same policy to protect you and your child.
16. On behalf of all of us at Kindermusik and the staff at Saint Luke's Place, we wish you and your child an enjoyable, fulfilling Kindermusik experience and thank you for sharing your "bundle of joy" with our seniors. They appreciate it SO much!

***Thank you for choosing Kindermusik® – where a good beginning never ends!***