

# KINDERMUSIK FOR THE YOUNG CHILD<sup>®</sup>, SEMESTER 2&4

## COURTESY INFORMATION

1. **Plan to arrive 5-10 minutes before the start time of your child's class.** When you arrive, please bring the family into the classroom for a short Gathering Time. Do not leave children unsupervised in the waiting area.
2. If you are new to this program or your emergency contact information has changed since last semester, you must fill out and sign an **Emergency and Transportation Form**. You will find a stack of these forms in the waiting room. Once completed, please give it to your child's teacher at the end of the first class and inform her if any information changes over the course of the semester.
3. **If your child has difficulty leaving you on the first day**, you are more than welcome to stay with your child until he/she is comfortable. It is often helpful to physically show your child where you will be waiting while he/she is in class.
4. **Encourage your child to use the washroom before class begins.** If your child needs to use the washroom during class, you, your child's teacher or another parent may accompany your child to and from the washroom. It is helpful if parents take turns each week serving as "washroom monitor", especially during the first few weeks of a semester.
5. It is very important that you are **on time** for "**Sharing Time**" (the last 10-15 minutes of class). **Please restrict social talk with other adults during Sharing Time.** Take advantage of this wonderful and rare opportunity to fully focus on your child. If, during Sharing Time, your child or any siblings are unable to manage in class, please be courteous of others and remove him/her for a brief "cooling down" period. Please join the group again when your child is ready.
6. **Don't be afraid to sing to/with your child.** He/she loves the sound of your voice no matter how badly you think you sound! Please attempt to sing using a light "head voice" in a higher register than you may be used to. The Home CD and your teacher will provide you with an appropriate vocal model that will encourage tuneful, joyful singing in your child. Don't hesitate to ask your teacher for help if you're feeling uncomfortable with singing.
7. **Consistent attendance is extremely important** since the *Young Child* program is a series of building blocks. Each lesson builds upon the previous one.
8. **Home Learning Resources:** Each week your child will receive a new item in their games bag or a new activity page, plus a "Music At Home" card and an attendance sticker for their folder. All of the items given out for the games bag and folder plus the tote bag must be brought to class each week. The CD and Songbook should be left at home. Please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name. "**Music At Home**" cards allow parents and children to work together to practice new skills, explore sounds or find or create something to be brought back to class. Music making at home is central to this curriculum. Weekly follow-through at home is encouraged and expected each week -- just be sure to keep it playful and challenging, and respectful of your child's tolerance for frustration.
9. **SEMESTER TWO (YEAR ONE STUDENTS): Glockenspiel** playing continues throughout Semester 2. Steady beat activities, simple ensembles and a repertoire of songs provide the foundation for successful experiences. Glockenspiels will be used in each lesson so they must be brought to class each week.
10. **SEMESTER FOUR (YEAR TWO STUDENTS): Recorders** will be distributed at the first class of semester four. The recorder must be brought to class each week in the accompanying tote bag for the duration of the semester. The children will be learning the basic technique of embouchure (how to blow into the instrument) and fingering of simple melodies they have learned in previous semesters. The recorder is a real woodwind instrument that must be handled and stored properly at home. If your child will be using a recorder from a previous sibling, please bring it each week to class.
11. **If your child is absent**, your child's teacher will leave your child's home activity in your Family Folder in the waiting room for you to pick up before the next class. The Waterloo studio is open weekdays between 9am-noon and 5-7pm. The Cambridge studio is open from 9am-4pm and from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Both studios are open on Saturdays between 9:30 and 11:30am.
12. **Refund/Cancellation Policy:** In the event of a cancellation, there are no refunds for At-Home Materials that have been prepared for class or opened. Any refund on tuition will be effective the date of cancellation. After the third class, there will be no tuition refunds. The \$25 cancellation fee will be waived if the client requests a credit on their account in lieu of a refund. If there is a family or unforeseen emergency at anytime during the semester, the balance of tuition will be credited toward future classes.
13. In the case of a **snow day**, every effort will be made to contact you to inform you if a class has to be cancelled. Check your email and voicemail before leaving for class. We also report closures to the **CHYM FM** and **570 News** Snow Desks.
14. Your teacher will be able to answer or direct any questions you may have, as well as collect any outstanding payments.