

KINDERMUSIK FOR THE YOUNG CHILD®

COURTESY INFORMATION

1. Remember that the **first class** in the fall is a **parent/child class**, with parents participating for the full hour. Please try to make childcare arrangements for siblings for this first class.
2. **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.
3. Classes will begin on time regardless of how many children are in attendance. **Please be on time for classes.** Upon arrival, wait in the waiting room until the teacher comes to greet your child. If you are late for class, please come directly to the studio room. Please do not leave your child unsupervised in the waiting area.
4. It is very important to your child 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 rejoin the group again when your child is ready.
5. **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.
6. **Consistent attendance is extremely important** since the Young Child program is a series of building blocks. Each lesson builds upon the previous one.
7. **At-Home Materials:** 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 where they are handy for use. 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.
8. **Semester One (Year 1 students): Preparation for glockenspiel playing** takes place over the first thirteen weeks of Semester One. Steady beat activities, simple ensembles and a repertoire of songs provide the foundation for successful first experiences. The glockenspiels do not go home until Lesson 13. From this point forward, glockenspiels will be used in each lesson so they must be brought to class.
9. **Semester Three (Year 2 students): Dulcimers** (2-string Appalachian instrument) will be assembled at the first class. The dulcimer must be brought to class each week in the accompanying tote bag for the first 5 weeks or so. The children will be learning the basic technique of using a **pick** and **noter** (provided) with the dulcimer. The dulcimer is a real string instrument that must be handled and stored properly at home. **If your child will be using a dulcimer from a previous sibling, it is very important that it be brought to the first class.** While the other children are building their dulcimers, your child may add some more decorations (provided) to theirs.
10. **If your child is absent**, at the Cambridge studio, 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. Home activities for the Waterloo studio will be placed in the wall slot outside the studio door. You may pick it up anytime Waterloo Music is open. Their hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:30am-8:30pm, Friday and Saturday, 9:30am to 6:00pm.

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