

Kindermusik[®]

Kindermusik curricula provide a wide variety of activities and music that encourage the development of the whole child and facilitate parental involvement in the learning partnership.

Kindermusik curricula are written to provide the basis and structure that embrace the developmental stages, as well as the unique gifts, of every child. Each curriculum acknowledges the developmental sequence of ability, skill, and knowledge acquisition, and at the same time honors the varying rate at which these developments proceed.

The Kindermusik Philosophy is:

- **Child-centered.** It celebrates the individuality of each child. The educator directs, guides and responds to the children, allowing every child to flourish.
- **Developmentally Appropriate,** following guidelines that have been established by the National Association for the Education of the Young Child.
 - Age appropriate
 - Individually appropriate
 - Integrated learning through all domains—cognitive, physical, emotional, and social—each influencing the other
 - Learning is emphasized as an interactive practice
 - Activities and materials are varied, increasing in difficulty and complexity as children develop skills and understanding
- **Concerned with the Whole Child.** The primary goal is the total growth for the developing child, constantly aware of how music and movement foster growth in other areas.
- **Process, not performance-oriented.** It is not necessary that the result be perfect, merely that it *BE*.
- **Fun for the Child and for Families.** Repetition creates opportunities to build and extend an activity leading to mastery of skills or concepts.
- **Inclusive of the Parents.** Parents are THE most important people in a young child's life. Children learn the most from their parents and are most comfortable with them. Kindermusik reaches and teaches parents who will then support and continue the musical experiences of the children at home.

Use of Quality Audio and Visual Learning Materials in Class and at Home

What is learned and experienced first is best remembered, setting the stage for learning and enjoyment later on. At Home Materials are an integral part of the Kindermusik program. They allow the class experience to continue in the child's most comfortable environment—at home with parents.