



## Six Principles to Insure Success During Kindermusik Class

### 1. Parental Involvement is Critical

Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the class to settle down, explore the room and meet other parents. Dress comfortably, we sit on the floor, dance around, lift children up and swing them around. Your child learns from your words and actions. When your little one sees you engaging in class he/she will, too! Please don't be shy, no one judges your singing skills! So go ahead, sing, dance and be silly.

### 2. Encouragement is Essential

The child's effort to participate in the class should be met with sincere praise and encouragement. Follow your child's lead and notice their ideas throughout the class. Go along with the way your child decides to respond to the music or explore instruments.

### 3. Children Learn From One Another

Socializing is a big part of every class. In every class they will learn how to cooperate, share and listen to other's ideas. Please remember that these are learned skills and every child learns at his own pace.

### 4. Children Learn Through Repetition

Repetition leads to skill mastery, which increases confidence and builds self-esteem. This is why with every new session you receive a set of home materials. Please make sure to listen to the music at home.

### 5. Calmness

"Without calm, learning cannot take place" -Dr. Berry Brazelton

If you find that your child is getting overwhelmed, please step outside the classroom for a few minutes. Use a distracting technique such as breathing or drinking water. Please ALWAYS comeback. These moments are age appropriate and completely understandable.

### 6. Communication

If you have any concerns, please communicate with your teacher. We always want our families to feel supported and enjoy coming to classes.

# Policies

1. **Sessions** - Each session is 4 weeks long and each class is 45 min long. The sessions are a lot of fun with a wide variety of learning activities such as instrument exploration, circle dances, listening activities and many more.
2. **Home Materials** - You will receive a set of digital or physical home materials so you can expand on all the activities that we cover during class at home! We will distribute the home materials to you electronically using the e-mail you registered with or in class directly. Instructions on how to register for digital home materials are included below.
3. **Emails/updates** – A few days before the new unit starts you will receive a welcome e-mail. Our newsletter/blog post is sent out the first of every month. Please visit our website for resources and special events. Please visit our Facebook page for regular updates.
4. **Makeup Classes** – In between each new session, locations build in make-up dates for cancelled classes due to inclement weather or educator illness.
5. **Snow Days** - Please check your emails/Sing N Move Facebook page for posts and updates. We will notify you as soon as possible.
6. **Classroom Guidelines** - In order for you and other families to be able to enjoy the class, please remember to leave all toys at home or the car. Please try to avoid feeding your child during the class or using a pacifier. If your child becomes disruptive (crying, screaming) it happens to us all, please quietly take your child aside until they are ready to participate. Relax and enjoy music with your child!
7. **Routines** – Each class begins with 5 minutes of gathering time in order to let the children acclimate, socialize, and familiarize themselves with the classroom. Each class opens with a hello song, incorporates relaxation time towards the end for some intentional bonding time and to signal that class will be coming to an end, and ends with a goodbye song. Children learn best through repetition and we try to emphasize routines and rituals to make them as comfortable as possible.
8. **Sharing Time (FOR LEVEL 3 ONLY)** - Parents are asked to drop off their children for the main part of class (30 mins). Parents may participate in gathering time to help their child adjust and then are asked to enjoy the Lower Macungie Community Center/Library on the property while class is in session. Parents are invited back for "Sharing Time" (the last 10-15 mins of class). The instructor and children will invite you in when it is time to share!

# Digital Home Materials

## Directions for New Families Registering at [my.kindermusik.com](http://my.kindermusik.com)

It's easy *and* takes less than a minute *and* provides access on computers, mobile devices, and tablets.

1. Visit [my.kindermusik.com](http://my.kindermusik.com).
2. Click on "Click here to register."
3. Enter name and email address.
4. Set a password.
5. Click on "Register Now" and then log in!
6. Enjoy! Kindermusik@Home is easy for you, good for your child, and fun for all!