

WELCOME TO
KINDERMUSIK'S "IMAGINE THAT!"
Kindermusik Amarillo Studio inside St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1601 S. Georgia ~ Amarillo, TX

Dear Parents,

"Imagine That" new semester begins soon! I am excited about the upcoming session of musical adventures with your child! By your decision to enroll your child in Kindermusik, you are opening their mind to many new challenges and fun!

In order for your child to be able to enjoy Kindermusik class, it is important to remember these guidelines:

- Plan to bring your child to class on time, and leave with a quick hug or kiss. Children this age do far better with a promise that you will be back very soon, and to have fun!
- If you are bringing your child, make sure your child has had a snack and gone to the bathroom before class begins. **At this age, when one has to go, they all have to go!**
- **Note: If your child is in our Tues 2:30 "Imagine That" class at St. Andrew's Preschool,** I will be happy to bring them to and from Extended Day if you will supply a note to the Extended Day teacher
- **For children in the Wed 12:00 class who are coming from St. Andrew's Pre-school,** please see the message especially for those families at the conclusion of this letter.

It may take a few weeks for your child to feel comfortable in a new group experience. Bringing a special teddy bear or stuffed animal is part of the curricular experience to ease separation anxiety from you and to have a familiar friend in a new group. Please bring your child's special someone.

Please join us for the last 15 minutes of each class. I will step into the hall to signal the time. You and any siblings are encouraged to come into the classroom and join in the activities. While in class, please refrain from visiting with other parents for quality time with your child. Have a seat on the floor, relax, and enjoy this special time with your child! Your child may ignore you when you come in or stop and run to you . . . follow your child's lead. Observe what interests your child. Please actively participate - your child needs to see that you value singing and dancing and that the class activities are important. Typically, we will do circle dances, explore new instruments, and play musical games while parents/siblings are in class.

There may be memos or announcements sent home with your child. Be sure to read these for important information.

During the first class, you will receive a complete set of Home Materials. Students do NOT need to bring these materials to class each week . . . they may leave them at home for enjoyment there.

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An “Imagine That” home instrument is selected to support musical concepts learned in this class. I will discuss with the children their handling and care.

There are several “homework assignments” in the Family Activity Book you will receive. Some weeks the children will have a simple, fun home activity to complete and bring to class the following week.

Please take a few moments to have some creative fun with your child and help them prepare the activity so s/he will be ready to share their work the next week (be sure to put their name on it!). They may wish to bring their “homework” in their new Kindermusik backpack!

For your convenience, the Kindermusik Policies are below. Please take a moment to review these and keep in a handy place for referral during the school year.

As in any area of study, the success of the Kindermusik experience depends on the support of the parents. One way in which we can enhance the program together is to have open communication. If you have any questions, concerns, or compliments (!), please feel free to call me. If you have any special talents or resources that would enhance our music program, please let me know!

Thank you again for allowing me to be your child’s Kindermusik teacher. I hope our classes each week will enrich their life for years to come!

Sincerely,

Celeste Pine, MT

Music Therapist – Licensed *Kindermusik Educator*
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Note To Families of St. Andrew’s Pre-Schoolers in Wed “Imagine That” class:

- I will be happy to escort these students, weather permitting, at 11:45 a.m. from the pre-school to the church for the convenience of the parents provided you supply a note to the pre-school to this regard. **In inclement weather, parents are asked to assist with transportation.** Parents are asked to pick up their children promptly after class at the church.
- The children may be hungry when I pick them up from their pre-school class. **I will be happy to provide a quick snack (i.e. apple slices, granola bar) before we begin our walk to the church for Kindermusik.** PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES.

If you would like to contribute a snack for the group (please, no sugar snacks!), your help will be greatly appreciated! A sign up sheet will be available at the first class.

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KINDERMUSIK classes provide a curriculum of music instruction over a two-year period for each age group.

TUITION AND FEES Rates are based on 16 weeks of classes.

- **Tuition is preferred in full on or before the first class but may be paid in installments with special arrangements in advance. Late fee: \$5/week.**
- **There are no tuition refunds or credits once classes begin** unless due to a family move or serious illness. Refunds cannot be given on opened materials. There are no credits given for missed classes. Class canceled by instructor will be made up.
- **Payment: please make checks payable to Celeste Pine. Checks may be mailed to: Kindermusik Studio inside St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1601 S. Georgia, Amarillo, TX 79102.**

CLASS SCHEDULE 16 CLASSES, 45 minutes each.

I appreciate your promptness. Make sure your child has had a snack and goes to the bathroom before class begins. I encourage you to arrive 5-10 minutes early to give you time to help your child with his/her coat, get water, go to the bathroom, and say hello to friends. I do request that toys, juice cups, and pacifiers be kept out of sight, and that snacks be finished prior to class.

SMOOTH TRANSITIONS Classes will begin on time. If you are late, please join us quietly. **In order for your child to adjust to circle time better, please AVOID FEEDING YOUR CHILD SUGARY FOODS (cake, donuts, cookies, sugary cereal, candy) OR CAFFEINE prior to class.**

SOCIALIZING We love for parents to **visit before and after class**, but not during class time, please! When you are an active, focused, enthusiastic participant in the class activities, your child will model your actions and focus more fully too. **When class is over, parents and students may visit in the hall as I will need to prepare the classroom for the next class.**

AT HOME MATERIALS You and your child will enormously benefit from the Kindermusik experience, especially if you **make active use of your At Home materials**. Reinforcement at home will make all the difference in your child's comfort and participation in the classroom.

HOLIDAYS, SNOW DAYS **We will not have class** on major holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving week, Christmas holidays, spring break, or when AISD is closed due to snow. You may call me anytime after 7:30 a.m. if you have a question or call the church office at 376-6316.

ABSENCES, MAKE-UPS If you cannot make it to your scheduled class time, please call. You are important to our class! We can also take the opportunity to schedule a make-up class for you. Note: due to full class enrollments, please limit make-ups to one or two per semester.

SAFETY **Children are expected to follow class rules and directions with a spirit of cooperation.** If a child is disruptive and difficult to control in class or poses a safety hazard to himself or other children, I will meet with the parents to determine whether the child should continue in class. Our goal is to maintain a safe and successful classroom experience for all. **For the safety and calmness of our class, please begin now teaching your child that when indoors to use "walking" feet and a quiet voice.**

If you have any questions, concerns, or if I can be of help in any way, please feel free to call. I am looking forward to a great session with you and your child!

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