

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

Dear Parents,

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

"Village" is designed for lap babies, crawlers, and walkers ages newborn to 1 1/2 years. "Village" introduces multiple levels of developmentally appropriate activities occurring simultaneously. In class we may see one baby rocking gently in Dad's arms, another waltzing on Grandma's toes, and yet another bouncing on Mom's knees all at the same time. Depending on whether your baby is on your lap, crawling, or walking, I will help you select various activities. Village is a sound environment. It is a place of discovery and a place where it is okay to explore and experiment.

In order for you to be able to enjoy Kindermusik class, it is important to remember a few guidelines:

- Please bring a soft blanket for baby to rest on during floor activities.
- Dress comfortably as we will be sitting on the floor. Plan to join in the fun! Feel free to visit with others before or after class, but while in class please take part in all group activities.
- I will have antibacterial wipes so that we can wipe instruments during and after class.
- Should your baby become disruptive (crying, screaming, yelling - it happens to all of us!), please quietly and promptly take your child outside the classroom until s/he has calmed down. It is impossible to reason with or calm a child during class, and the attention you get from everyone when your child cries is great! Older babies especially will quickly learn appropriate behavior if you do not allow him/her to disrupt class.

Should your child be curious about my tape player/instruments, please redirect him/her if I am unable to.

Babies need a parent or caregiver to be truly "present" and observant. Please observe your baby and discover his/her preferences. Document this at home in your journal. Please actively participate in class, listen to your CD, and read your book at home with your baby. **Kindermusik philosophy values the education of the whole child in mind, spirit, and body. In class your child will experience a balance of both vestibular (ear and balance) and visceral (torso and heart) stimulation.** We will open each class with a gentle gathering time, lots of touching and embracing, a wide range of movement such as rocking, bouncing, flying, swooping, and special attention to vocal development through play activities. I am very excited about facilitating your relationship with your child through music!

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 will enrich your lives now and for years to come!

Sincerely,
Celeste Pine, MT
Music Therapist - Licensed Kindermusik Educator
(806) 358-7460

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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