



Welcome to Kindermusik! I am so glad you've chosen to join us. I can't wait to begin, but first I'd like to share some suggestions and guidelines that will help you and your child get the most out of the Kindermusik classroom experience.

- ♪ Arrive on time. Should you be late, please come and quietly join in.
- ♪ Please leave all toys, blankets, drinks, coats, purses, etc. out of reach or in the car. We want to focus on the music and materials in class rather than these items.
- ♪ I take your child's health very seriously and do rigorous instrument and classroom cleaning. Additionally, I have hand sanitizer available for you to safely apply to your child's hands as well as tissues and disinfecting wipes.
- ♪ If your child is sick, especially with a fever and/or flu-like symptoms, I recommend they stay at home. If you are unsure, consider this important question: if your child is healthy, would you want her/him playing with another child that has your child's symptoms? If the answer is no, please do not bring him/her to class. I have a variety of ways you can make up a missed class so you get your true value of your Kindermusik semester.
- ♪ If class is canceled due to weather or illness, you will receive a phone call the night before or the day of class. An opportunity to make up a cancelled class will be offered.
- ♪ For the safety of all children, running is not permitted.
- ♪ Imagine That! classes are 30 minutes of children/teacher time + 15 minutes of Sharing Time w/adults. I encourage you to use Sharing Time to fully enjoy and participate in the activities with your child, no matter what your voice sounds like or how silly you feel. Your participation is important and will make your child feel worthwhile. Relax and have fun! We're in this together!
- ♪ It is preferred that you remain in the building during class time to attend to situations such as a trip to the restroom. However, if you leave, please be on time for Sharing Time. Your child will be devastated if you are not there and all the other adults are.
- ♪ If your child needs you to be in class prior to Sharing Time, please come in and simply be there. It isn't necessary to encourage or force him/her to participate. Children will actively participate when they are ready. Kindermusik is about the learning process – not the performance – of music making, and children learn in a variety of ways. Don't worry if your child quietly observes or seems distracted. Accept and respect your child's way of learning. It's okay if your child responds to Kindermusik in a way that's different

from the rest of the class. Just because they are not actively participating does not mean they are not absorbing and learning.

- ♪ Visitors are welcome. It is important, however, to let me know of any special occasion when you intend to bring a visitor to class so I may make any necessary accommodations. Please know that visitors will be expected to participate in Sharing Time!
- ♪ It is perfectly normal for children to exhibit a change in behavior when the adults join us for Sharing Time. If your child becomes upset or disruptive to the class during Sharing Time, please feel free to take him/her outside the learning area to calm down, then return to class.
- ♪ Kindermusik class is a social time for children and parents. Both you and your child will likely make some very good friends here. Chances are, that's one of the reasons you came! I encourage you to build relationships with other families in our class, however, it is important to remain focused and engaged with your child during the Sharing Time. Feel free to come a few minutes early or stay a few moments after class to chat with your new friends. You can also become a fan of the Melody and Motion presents Kindermusik page on Facebook\* and connect with them there from home.

I want to thank you and congratulate you for giving your child the opportunity to experience the joy, fun and learning that music brings to life through Kindermusik. I am honored and excited to share it with you and your family.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [kindermusik@melodyandmotion.com](mailto:kindermusik@melodyandmotion.com) or by phone (740) 498-8090 (studio) or (304) 639-1251 (cell) if you have questions, concerns or something to share.

Sincerely,

Miss Leslie



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