



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, 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. You may wish to bring a blanket for your baby. Nursing or bottle-feeding are permitted during class, but please no sippy cups or finger foods as they can spill. You do not need to bring your Home Materials with you. Everything you need for class will be provided.
- ♪ I take your child's health very seriously and do rigorous instrument and classroom cleaning. Additionally, I have hand sanitizer available for you 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.
- ♪ Kindermusik is a special time for you and your child. I encourage you to use the class time to fully enjoy and participate in the activities with your child. Babies learn through constant repetition and they learn best from you. No matter what your voice sounds like or how silly you feel, you are your child's best teacher. Relax and have fun! We're in this together!
- ♪ 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!
- ♪ The Village class includes babies with a wide range of developmental stages: lap baby, crawler and walker. Suggestions will be made of various ways to do each class activity,

but you will need to adapt them to a level that is comfortable for both you and your baby. There is no wrong or right way to do any activity. Kindermusik is a child-centered program, so you and your baby will experience each activity in your own way, which may be different from anyone else's in the class. Adapting each activity to fit your baby's stage of development, personality and temperament will help you both participate fully in class and reap the most benefits.

- ♪ It is perfectly normal for children to fuss, scream, cry and protest. All children will do these things. If your child becomes upset or disruptive to the class, 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 while you're here. 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 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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