



## **CLASSROOM GUIDELINES FOR MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASSES – AGES BIRTH to 4 YEARS**

The music classroom is like most classrooms. In order to provide a positive learning experience for everyone, a set of guidelines are needed. Please take a moment to read these guidelines carefully.

**The classroom will be available to enter approx.. 5 minutes before class begins.** Please remain in the waiting room until invited to come in to avoid interrupting class that may currently be in session.

- **Please remove shoes before entering the classroom.** We have little ones who spend a great deal of time moving about on the floor during some of our classes and this helps keep the floor clean for them.
- **Please be on time for class.** Allow enough time to park, remove any outer garments and shoes, and give your child a bit of “settling time” before class begins. We use a “hello” song to begin class and all children are to be in the classroom when this song begins to avoid disruptions. This is a very important part of your child’s routine in music class.
- **Grown-ups are expected to participate in the music class.** This is a family experience! While parent participation gradually decreases as your child moves on through the entire curriculum, you and your child are to use this time to sing, move, dance, laugh, play instruments, bond and giggle with each other! This greatly increases their enjoyment of music and future success in this program.
- **Dress for moving and dancing!** You and your child should wear comfortable clothing that allows you to move about the room freely during music activities.
- **Please limit socializing to before and after class.** It is my sincere hope that you will have a great time socializing with the other parents in the class; however, please remember that these classes are aurally based and a lot of background chatter can be very distracting to the children.
- **It is suggested that the parent gently guide their child, rather than manipulate.** For example, it is better in this classroom setting for you to model tapping your sticks, rather than to actually take your child or infant’s hands and tap her sticks for her.
- **If your toddler decides to explore outside the group circle...** This is generally not a problem as long as you continue to model the class activity. Your child will usually return to you shortly.
- **Feel free to be a parent in the class!** If your child misbehaves, please take them out of the room for a short break and then return when he/she is ready. If your child is not responding well to an activity, also feel free to modify it. If you need to nurse or attend to your baby, please feel free to do so!
- **Please do not allow your child to run in the classroom,** unless the teacher has instructed them to do so as part of an activity. This will help us avoid accidents.
- **Please leave diaper bags, purses, food, drinks, bottles, toys and other items outside of the classroom.** These tend to become “distractions” and often cause problems rather than comfort when brought into the music class.
- **Please understand that all children learn at different rates and in different ways.** Some children will be quiet in class. Others will be active. Some children will do activities at home, but not in class. As a parent you know that every child is unique, so please check your comparisons at the door and let the music work its magic!

**\*Please make note of the Studio Calendar. There are studio closures of which you need to be aware. We typically follow the Fayette County Public School’s holiday closures, but there may be specific instances where this is not true. Please mark your calendars accordingly.**