

# Music and Movement around the World!

Dear Childswork Family,

Childswork is very pleased to announce that it will be offering a Music and Movement class beginning this September (contingent on adequate enrollment). This class will provide an opportunity for students ages **three (by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011) and up** to build a foundation of basic music appreciation/skills. Students, through a hands-on curriculum, will gain an understanding of musical diversity found throughout several cultures.

Daniel Parker and Danielle Valentine will teach this class. Daniel and Danielle each currently teach morning preschool. Daniel, who has a degree in music theory and history, also teaches private lessons outside of Childswork. Danielle majored in music performance, and has taught private voice lessons for several years.

Class will be available Monday & Wednesday afternoons 1:00-3:00 p.m.

## Curriculum Components

As students arrive they will hear music playing in the room. Each week we will highlight a new musical style, instrument and/or culture (classical, jazz, popular, world music). During circle, we'll discuss what we're listening to and the activities planned for the day. This portion will be highly interactive, recognizing and helping students to verbalize their reactions to musical sounds.

Students will have the opportunity to stretch their legs and explore the classroom for part of the afternoon. We may decide to hold a small concert on the final day. This will give students the opportunity to share some of the things they have learned and experience the process of preparing for and holding a musical performance.

## **Sing-Along/Movement**

During this portion of the class, a new song will be introduced along with instructions for a variety of ways of moving with the music. Songs may be from the pantheon of traditional western children's music or be borrowed from world cultures. The music of Africa, Asia, South America and of indigenous peoples worldwide are fascinating and fun for children.

## **Musical Games**

Percussion instruments and musical games involving pitch and rhythm will be a fixture of the program. Such games continue the process of exposing children to different styles of music and lay the groundwork for the development of musical ability.

## **Art**

A portion of each class will be devoted to creating art with a musical theme. This will give students the opportunity to interact with friends and create something musical to bring home. Music congruous to the project and daily concepts will again play in the background while children work.

## **Examples of Musical games:**

- One, Two, Three, Clap...(promotes steady rhythm)
- Mimic the Familiar Rhythms of our Environment.
- Body Rhythms...the steady rhythm of the heart, breathing, walking, running, etc.
- Rhythm Talk - have a conversation concentrating on and accentuating natural rhythms.
- The Rhythmic Memory Game
- Rhythmic Follow the Leader
- Fast-And-Slow
- High-And-Low
- Short-And-Long
- Quiet-And-Loud

## Examples of Art projects

- Tracing and decorating musical instruments.
- Making percussions instruments - drums, shakers, etc.
- Paint what you hear...

## Program Details:

### There will be three sessions:

If you want your child to attend all three sessions, please sign up for them at the beginning of the year. Your child will not be enrolled in subsequent sessions unless you indicate on the registration form you want to be in the following term.

- **Fall Session**            Monday & Wednesday            September 26<sup>th</sup> through December 14<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Session**            Monday & Wednesday            January 4<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Spring Session**            Monday & Wednesday            April 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Tuition:

- **Fall Session**            Monday & Wednesday            1:00-3:00 pm (23 days)  
\$507.00 (will be billed in three monthly payments October through December of \$169.00)
- **Winter Session**            Monday & Wednesday            1:00-3:00 pm (21 days)  
\$462.00 (will be billed in three monthly payments January through March of \$154.00)
- **Spring Session**            Monday & Wednesday            1:00-3:00 pm (19 days)  
\$420.00 (will be billed in three monthly payments April through June of \$140.00)

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## Enrollment:

Enrichment programs are filled on a **first come first served basis**, which means we fill the classes as the forms come in. You have the option to sign up for any or all sessions that you want, but please note you will be enrolled in the class(es) **only** for the sessions you checked on your form. We cannot assume what you might want, so be sure to be complete with your selections. Families can sign up for enrichment programs all year long and if the class is full you will be put on a wait list.

Children must be three by September 1<sup>st</sup> to be enrolled in the enrichment programs. We encourage families to sign up for enrichment at the beginning of the year even if your child will not be starting a class until Winter or Spring session.

We will notify families if there is not adequate enrollment to proceed with the class.



## **Cancellation Policy:**

There is a two-week cancellation policy and all cancellations must be done in writing to be released from payment obligation.