

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT CLASS INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

My name is Hana Schell and I will be teaching your children Music and Movement class every day they are in school. Our classes are 45 minutes long.

Based on the curriculum of the Dallas Diocese, your children will:

- learn to sing variety of simple songs
- experience differences in volume and tone
- practice various rhythmic patterns and try to reproduce them
- experience the mood of music
- begin to respond to music of various tempos through movement
- begin to appreciate different types of music
- play classroom instruments (such as shakers, maracas, tambourine, bells, drums, xylophone, etc.)
- become aware of different types of instruments and their sounds
- practice recognizing sounds surrounding them in real life

The children will be singing a song during the annual Christmas program and they will participate in an end of the year music program.

We will be incorporating large and small movements, finger plays, nursery rhymes, and games based on music and movement. Many songs and ideas I use come from “*The First Steps in Music*” curriculum by John M. Feierabend. It is designed to prepare children to become musical in three ways:

Tuneful – to have tunes in their heads and learn to coordinate their voices to sing those tunes

Beatful – to feel the pulse of music and how that pulse is grouped in either twos or threes

Artful – to be moved by music in many ways while using emotions and imagination

“Children who learn to be tuneful, beatful, and artful before they leave elementary school will grow to be adults who benefit from what music can offer.”

Overall, my goal is to help the children appreciate music and make the classes a fun and enjoyable learning experience. What I expect from the students is to participate in all activities, to follow directions and to try their best. By doing this they will earn a “stamp” on their hand every day for doing a good job in Music 😊 Children who choose not to participate in the music experience or who are repeatedly disruptive will require some “observation time” from the sidelines in the “orange” chair. For the safety and learning experience of the class, disruptive or unwilling participants may need to be removed from the classroom.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer during school days, you are welcome to sign up to help during the Music and Movement classes. I'd love for you to see what the children are doing during Music and help out any way you can. Please, contact Mrs. Jobs regarding safe environment training and signing up.

Daily class schedule is:

9:15 am – 10:00 am - Oliver PK3
10:05 am – 10:50 am - Robinson PK3
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm - Escobar PK4
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm - Coursey PK4

Please, feel free to contact me in case you will have any questions. My e-mail address is Hana.Schell@stmcs.net .

Sincerely,
Hana Schell

