

# Welcome to the Musikgarten® program!

## Calendar

- The fall semester runs for 14 weeks from September 22 - January 19.
- All classes meet on Thursdays in the Community Room at St. Michael's Episcopal Church (Barrington).
- *No class*: Nov 24, Dec 22-Jan 5.
- Makeup day (as needed): Thursday, January 26.

## Schedule

10:05-10:45 Toddlers (16 months-3 years)

11:00-11:30 Babies (newborn-16 months)

## Class Tuition (includes family materials)

Family Music for Babies: \$226

Family Music for Toddlers: \$238.25

- Siblings (newborn-6 months) attend for free in the Toddlers class
- Siblings (6-12 months) attending the Toddlers class: \$97.50
- Siblings (12-24 months) attending the Toddlers class: \$195

## Class Policies

*By enrolling your child in early childhood classes, you are taking a significant step in your child's musical education. To create an optimal learning environment for your child, we have established the following class guidelines:*

- Please plan to arrive early. The classroom will be open 10 minutes before class starts. Most children are more comfortable when they are not rushed and have time to settle in.
- Please leave all shoes and strollers in the hallway to ensure the safety of little fingers and toes.
- Please do not bring food into the classroom. Water is permissible as long as there is a securable lid.
- Please put away/turn off cell phones and other electronic devices during the class to avoid disrupting class activities.
- Participate enthusiastically in all class activities. Your child will learn best from watching and imitating you. Have fun!
- Encourage but do not force your child to participate. If your child seems disinterested, it's OK! A child will participate when ready and is absorbing far more than we can imagine. If your child wanders away from the circle, that's acceptable. By continuing to participate yourself or by observing quietly with your child, we create a safe and confident environment for your child.

- Focus 100% on your child. This is your special time with your child. Siblings are always welcome. We will focus on the child that is enrolled for the class based on the curriculum.
- In order to create a focused learning environment, please do not engage in personal conversations with other parents during the class. We will allow for social time before and after each class.
- Reinforce activities at home by playing the recordings throughout the week. Children will feel more comfortable with class activities if they've been interacting with them at home. Repetition is important and will help your child grow in confidence and in their musical capabilities.
- During prolonged crying spells or disruptive behavior, please take children out of the classroom. Give them a little time to recover and return to class when they are ready.
- Those in our Babies class can bring a blanket to use for floor activities. Feeding and changing necessities are also permitted in the Babies class. You are welcome to leave and rejoin in class activities once you and your child are ready to do so. If your baby falls asleep before class, please still come! Class is important for adults too!
- Please do not bring sick children to class. I will be following current CDC guidelines for indoor gatherings. Face masks are optional for adults attending classes. Masks for children are up to the discretion of the parent/guardian.
- Absences - please provide 24 hour notice if you need to miss a class.

### **Financial Policies**

- By registering for Musikgarten classes, you are committing to pay for the full Fall Semester (14 weeks).
- Invoices are sent from "Wen Cello Studio" via Square and paid by credit card.
- Full payment must be received to hold your family's spot in the class. Families with invoices unpaid after 7 days relinquish their class spot.
- *Withdrawal:* Families may withdraw after the first week if they decide that it is not a good fit for them. Tuition (minus the cost of family materials) will be refunded. No refunds after September 28.
- There are no refunds for missed classes.

*I look forward to a semester of joyful music-making together!*

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