

Keen Music News 'n Notes



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Amer-Indian Powwow!

Fun and excitement abounded at School Crossing February 5 for all the children in our two Music Makers Around the World Classes. Food, singing, dancing, drumming all combined together to make for a wonderful evening of making music together.



Eight families, 21 children plus their parents, aunts and grandpa's added to the fun of making music at our

PowWow. Celebrating the American Indian culture is always fun and exciting as we drum, dance, and play instruments indicative of the culture. The children dressed up in indian dress, shared food, music dances and instruments they made and things they learned throughout the unit. Three tipi's added to the ambiance and even corn to grind!

We are now involved in the study of the German culture where so much of our really wonderful music originated and our curriculum as well. Some of our parents have spent time in Germany or are of German descent so they are able to share with us artifacts and cultural aspects that increases what we are learning. *Our German Celebration will be April 3.*

Summer Music - It's growing!



Summer music classes will involve music and the out-of-doors in fun and unique ways. Toddlers will be exploring the out-of-doors through Nature's Music for 2's and 3's

through instruments, bugs, animal and plant life. Preschoolers will explore Nature Trails with cricket clickers, special scopes to peek under rocks and things, and so much more. School age children will plant a garden during a 4 - 8 day camp then enjoy coming and checking out the gardens progress throughout the summer and share in a harvest party at the end of the summer all while singing and dancing, playing instruments and my list goes on. Thoughts also of a combined family music class in the evenings. Please respond to the survey so that I can get my schedule out this week!



The Importance of Music Making

is vital in the growth and development of young children. Children through the age of 7 to 9 years need time to run and jump and play, to pretend and work through life problems in their own time and way. Experiential

music making is not just another activity that is easily expendable. When measured against other activities music covers more areas of growth and development because music involves all areas of learning. Our mu-

sic classes are developmentally appropriate to the age of the child and we teach so that children are successful in all of life not just at the computer, in the gym, on the soccer field, in music or a stage. Musikgarten provides on-going educational programs that are fun, exciting and yet nurtures your young child's learning, giving them strong foundational building blocks that will never be a waste of time or money. Involvement in sports theater or instrument lessons are more profitable in the long run after these early foundational years are accomplished. In the long run, children enrolled in music classes throughout these early years benefit the most.

Keyboard Music



Music Makers 2 lays the foundation for piano lessons. Musikgartens group piano/keyboard classes are the natural next step in the music making process for most children. Many children/parents are not ready for personal dedication and commitment that is required in private lessons. The Musikgarten approach continues teaching the way young children learn, through movement and active participation in a small group situation where the child is able to mature into private lessons. Please talk to me about Beginning Keyboard classes for your child next year if your child is in MM2 or at least 7 years of age.

Music Making



Grant Halleck: Music Makers 2 received an accordion for his birthday this past year. He has been taking lessons for over a year and yet continues in Music Makers 2 where he loves learning about the different cultures, singing and dancing and reading music. Starting lessons on other instruments before finishing the Music Makers program is not encouraged but for this young boy it has been a real blessing in many ways. This accordion was provided by a non-profit for children with special needs and has improved his coordination and self esteem and more. We look forward to him sharing with us in "Germany".

Salvation Army Gifts



What a fun time we had at the Salvation Army when we took all of your wonderful gifts to the children there. My children's choir from Woodmen Valley Chapel sang and my grandchildren accompanied our carol singing with their violins. It was a blessing to me to see so many of you from the studio come and participate with us. Thank you for your wonderful gifts. They were really appreciated. Thank you Diana Martin for coordinating it all! You are awesome!

“Music Brings Children To Life!”