

Unit Descriptions

From the moment you became a parent, you wanted the best for your child. In class, we engage your child in music and movement activities that also promote language, social and emotional skills, early math and early literacy, physical coordination, creativity, and more. Plus, your child will learn basic music vocabulary and notation—all setting the stage for our *Kindermusik for the Young Child* program, future school success and eventually, formal music lessons. Parents join the fun for the final activities. The Kindermusik@Home digital home materials extend the benefits all week long with music from class, activities for the whole family, and each month's story. Move & Groove is the perfect choice for children in their JK year.



Under the Rainbow

Come along on a magical trip to the land **Under the Rainbow**, where you'll explore Irish music, jigs, slide whistles, glissandi, high and low sounds, high and low movements, and even pots of gold.

Jumping Beans

Jump into the rhythms of Latin America with **Jumping Beans**! Peek into the rain forest, explore expressive movement, investigate quarter notes and quarter rests, sing and learn some words and phrases in Spanish, and—you guessed it—jump, jump, jump!

Join the Parade

In **Join the Parade**, everyone gets to be in the band! Move to parade and march music, learn to identify woodwind instruments, learn about music concepts *piano* (quiet) and *forte* (loud), and meet Henry, who creates his own musical parade...by accident!

All Keyed Up

We're **All Keyed Up**! There is magic to be found in those 88 keys! Immerse yourself in the magic of keyboards of all kinds. Listen to and learn about pianos, organs, synthesizers, and harpsichords. You'll explore staccato and legato sounds, get to know the sounds of a few famous composers, and even experiment with composition.

Sing a Story

We're off to the opera—it's time to **Sing a Story**! You will meet some colorful characters from a Mozart opera called *The Magic Flute*, check out the hustle and bustle that happens backstage before a show, and learn more about Mozart, too. You'll even explore the musical staff, and how a composer puts notes on a page to become beautiful music!

Rhythms of the Land

In **Rhythms of the Land**, you'll investigate drums, bells, rattles, singing, chanting, moving expressively, and the difference between beat and rhythm, as you explore the diversity of Native American cultures, music styles, and percussion instruments.

Sounds Abound

In a world without instruments, could you still make music? Of course you could! Music was born from creativity—people using their voices, bodies, and objects they found, assembled, or invented to make new sounds. Join us as we explore rhythm patterns, creative sound-finding and sound-making, graphic notation, and storytelling—because the creative brain is where **Sounds Abound**!

Dance With Me

Put on your dancing shoes, it's time to twirl, tap, leap, bow, and turn! Music makes people move in many different ways—and we get to find our own way, too. You'll learn dance steps, move expressively, explore instruments, and learn to play together in an ensemble. Come on in and **Dance With Me!**

Drums, Drums, Drums

Just say the word *drum* and any child within earshot will be ready to play. In **Drums, Drums, Drums**, we'll focus on drums, percussion instruments, and music from Africa and South America as we clap, tap, move, play, and echo different rhythms. You'll learn to recognize the sights and sounds of many different drums, play a drum, and get up and move your body to the rhythms, too!

Feel the Music

Don't you just love when you can **Feel the Music**? Music is a powerful trigger for emotions, and emotions can powerfully inspire the creation of music, too. In this unit, we explore how music can elicit feelings, as well as how to express feeling through music. We start with facial expressions as they relate to music and build up to listening to and engaging with the music of one of the great masters of emotion, Ludwig Van Beethoven.

Jazz Kitchen

What's cookin'? Step into our **Jazz Kitchen** and you'll find out! With a bowl full of movement and generous servings of vocal play and improvisation, you'll be well on your way to a jazzy good time.

Giggles

Nothing is better than little people with big senses of humour. Word play, tongue twisters, and silly songs are great for our bellies (belly laughs, that is), and great for cognition and vocabulary development, too! We draw on the rich tradition of humorous folk songs and explore folk instruments as we sing, play, and laugh together in **Giggles**.