

Welcome!

Kindermusik is so much more than just a music class and we want you to get the most from your experience with us. Please take the time to read this important letter.



To see the date and time of your first class, login to your [account](#), where you will also be able to...

- View and print your transactions
- Update your contact & billing information
- Register for other classes
- And much more!

Anytime you wish to login to your account, you can quickly do so from our [website](#). You'll find a link at the top right and also in the QuickLinks menu at the bottom centre of our home screen.

What to expect

In Year I (Semesters 1 and 2), we will sing a great deal in order to strengthen each child's vocal development and ear training skills. Both patterned and creative movement will be an important part of each lesson. Playing simple patterns and songs on the glockenspiel is the central emphasis. Patterns and songs are always presented first through movement, then aurally and vocally before they are transferred to the glockenspiel. We will be learning to read, write and play the notes C, A, D, F, G, and B this year.



Year 2 (Semesters 3 and 4) continues to build on the musical foundation established in Year I. Our musical adventure takes us out of the traditional concert hall and into the folk history of several different cultures, starting in North America. We will play a two-stringed folk dulcimer in the fall, as well as continuing our work with the glockenspiel. In the spring we will begin to learn the recorder as we travel into the broader world in our search for good folk music in many different cultures. We will add new notes to our pentatonic scale from year one, building up to more than a full octave of notes recognized and named. The concepts of accidentals, dotted rhythms and syncopation, and musical forms such as rondo will also be explored. Wow! Imagine how ready your child will be for future study on an instrument!

[Click here](#) to read about all the fascinating themes we'll be covering in the Young Child curriculum.

Singing skills. Through games, and interactive musical play, you'll see your young child develop the confidence she needs to sing. Sometimes it sounds like a foreign language when your child sings "ta" and "ti-ti," but she's using the language of professional musicians and composers and getting ready to read and write simple rhythm patterns.

Movement. You'll see your child dancing expressively to music, giving her the practice she needs to coordinate her body movements to the sound of music. This kind of musical play not only improves musicianship, but her physical coordination as well.

Reading and writing. She'll learn melodic notation and identify pitches such as the C, A, and D notes on the treble clef, plus rhythmic notation, and eventually she'll compose her own music.

Focused listening. Using Kindermusik's vast music collection, we'll help your young musician identify a range of orchestral instruments and their sound qualities, as well give her an early awareness and knowledge of composers and masterworks in Western arts tradition.

Be there to share. During the final 10-15 minutes of class, it is very important that you are waiting outside the classroom door. When we are ready, we will invite you in to experience and review class activities. This time together helps keep you informed and able to make these activities a part of your home environment.

Young Child does not end with the weekly lesson. In fact, we hope it is just the beginning of more singing, dancing and listening at home facilitated with your Home Materials, which include a glockenspiel (semester 1), rhythm sticks, two-stringed dulcimer (semester 3) and a recorder (semester 4), a Family Song Book, music CDs (one for each semester), weekly interactive take home cards to continue the musical learning together at home, and a canvas carry bag, games bag and folder for carrying and storing it all. Because the musical environment at home is so important to your child's development, we encourage you to set aside a few minutes each week to do the assigned home activity together and play the Home CD often to make music a part of your child's everyday life. The more familiar they are with the music, the more enjoyment—and therefore, learning—they will experience from the program. If you ever need any help understanding the home activity, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

IMPORTANT: If you have materials from a previous child enrolled in the Young Child program, your currently-registered child should bring the purple tote bag to class each week. For children in Year Two, please ensure the glockenspiel and dulcimer come to class as well.

Important Stuff...

Parent/caregiver Involvement:

Always sing and participate enthusiastically in class. Use your teacher as your model and choose a way to do the activities with your child that matches his/her developmental level and personality. Our motto is FOLLOW THE CHILD!

What if my child is sick?

If you, or your child, have a fever, please wait until he/she is fever-free for 24 hours before returning to class. If your child has suffered a stomach bug or has thrown up within the last 24 hours please keep them at home. If your child has a severe cough, thick nasal discharge, rash or conjunctivitis please let them rest at home.

Yes, we have unlimited classes! Rest assured you can make up a missed class anytime by taking advantage of our unlimited classes policy. Feel free to join us in any age-appropriate class as availability allows. No need to book ahead, or call us. Just take a look at our [schedule online](#) at the classes that are running for your child's age group and drop in! (Be sure to look at the classes on page 2 as well, as they may not appear in order by age group.)

Communication: Communications and information will be distributed by email, in class, or will be available for pick up at the studio. Class-related questions or messages for your child's teacher will be forwarded from the main office. Contact us at 519-622-5702 or email: info@kindermusikcambridge.com

Where to find us:

Cambridge Studio (and main office): [180 Sheldon Dr, Unit #2B, Cambridge](#)

Please note that due to road construction, from August to November access to/from the studio is from Sheldon Drive West (Hespeler Road) only. You will not be able to access it from Franklin Blvd. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Payment policies: Payments are processed on the 5th of each month, September to June, for as long as you are enrolled. Monthly payments may be made by one of the following methods.

1. Preauthorized VISA or MasterCard; OR
2. Bring to your first class post-dated cheques in the amount of \$72 + HST = \$81.74 each, and dated the 5th of each month, from the current month to June. If you have had a previous child enrolled in YC and have the home materials, or you are enrolling more than one child in the same semester of YC, please call the office for sibling price.

Please ensure that your account info is complete and your payment method is selected by visiting "[My Account](#)" now. Any payments for registrations received after the 5th of the month will be processed at the time of registration.

Withdrawal Policy: If enrollment must be cancelled, any fees paid are non-refundable and the [Withdrawal Request Form](#) must be received by the office prior to the 1st day of your last month in order for your request to be processed. You will be contacted via email by our administrator to confirm this change. Note that it does not take effect until you have received confirmation from the administrator. The materials are yours to keep and enjoy.

For any classes you are unable to attend, there is no cash value and they cannot be transferred to the enrollment of a sibling. You may, however, make them up prior to the end of your enrollment and you have until the end of your last month to do so. *Should you decide to withdraw for a period of time, your space cannot be held. In this case, you are better to keep your space and take advantage of our new unlimited classes offer to make up the classes you will be missing.*

SAFE & RESPECTFUL: These two principles are of utmost importance to us and the families in our care. We have the right to terminate any enrollment where an individual is consistently unable to uphold them.

Helpful Reminders:

- Download and print our [Calendar of Important Dates](#). It is also always available for quick reference in the Quicklinks section at the bottom of our homepage.
- New baby in the family? Did you know that babies under 4 months are tuition-free for their first 2 months of Cuddle&Bounce? You pay only the cost of Home Materials (\$20 + HST). Please call the office to book your space and read this article that explains [why it's never too early to get your baby enrolled in a music class](#).
- Visit the [Benefits of Kindermusik](#) page for information on how Kindermusik helps your child learn, grow, and develop.



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