

Emily Zdan's Kindermusik Studio Policy

- A** Arrival - Please be prompt. Plan to arrive about 3 – 5 minutes early for class. Arriving a little before class (but not too early!) allows the children time to settle in to the musical environment.
- B** Bathroom - Please make sure you and your child take care of bathroom needs immediately prior to entering your class.
- C** Come to every class, UNLESS your child is ill. Although we will miss you if you need to skip a class, we will appreciate your consideration of the health of other children, parents and your teacher, if you have a runny nose, cough, fever, or other indications of a bug that might be passed around.
- D** During class time, be sure to focus your attention on your child. We love for parents to visit before or after class, but not *during* class time please! When you are an active, focused, enthusiastic participant in the class activities, your child will be more likely to model your actions and focus more fully too. Children tend to lose focus when adults talk between each other.
- E** Eating and drinking are best done at home-or after class at Jake's! Sippie cups can become quite a distraction! Pacifiers get in the way of singing efforts. Baby dolls or other toys may cause a child-sized riot!!! We make every effort to keep the Kindermusik room free of distractions, but understand if there comes a day that a child is better with the object than the alternative!
- F** Fun is to be expected. Kindermusik moments can be humorous, poignant, meaningful, memorable, and the highlight of the entire day! You will likely hear these words, "Mommy, is it Kindermusik day yet?"
- G** A Group environment may be a new experience for your young child. We understand that they are still learning how to interact in a group setting, but must ask that you be sensitive not to compromise the safety or enjoyment of others in the class. If your child is having difficulty focusing or participating, gently redirect his attention. If your child becomes disruptive (crying, screaming, running – it happens to all of us!), please step outside the classroom space to give your child a moment to calm down. Do come back in as soon as you can.
- H** Home materials are one of the quality features, which make Kindermusik a unique experience. You and your child will benefit enormously from the Kindermusik experience, especially if you make active use of your At Home Materials. Often reinforcement at home during the week makes all the difference in a child's comfort and participation in the classroom.
- I** Invite grandparents to visit our class when they are in town! Grandparents are always welcome. Invite other friends to visit for a free class if they are in the appropriate age range, but only if you call or email first.
- J** Just dress comfortably... we are up and down and all around! You'll want to remove your shoes and leave them in the shoe basket to keep the Kindermusik space as clean as possible. Being barefoot also allows for a more full appreciation of balance, the sense of touch on your child's feet and is always the most appropriate for pre-walkers.
- K** Kindermusik class sizes are limited. Most classes will be unable to accommodate non-enrolled siblings. If the sibling is an infant, they may be able to stay in their carrier and remain at the entrance to the classroom space or may fit into a corner of the classroom. Please be considerate and avoid distractions as much as possible. If the baby cries or needs attention, please see to it immediately and slip out of the room until the situation is resolved.
- L** Let go! Kindermusik is not the time to hold on to your inhibitions! Relax, have fun, be silly, sing out and know that your child is watching your every move- Help them to grow into their own confidence with their voices by witnessing you make music without hesitation. Every sound is musical!
- M** Missed classes: There are no make-ups for missed classes. The only exception is in the case of a serious illness or event that causes your child to miss more than 3 classes in one semester. In this case, we will make a special concession to allow your child to have an opportunity to make-up by attending other class times of the same level. In case of teacher illness, the class will be rescheduled, although the teacher won't cancel unless she feels she has a cold or germ that would be contagious to the children.
- N** Notify the teacher by email or by leaving a voicemail if you know you will not be attending an upcoming class for vacation or other reason. If your child becomes ill and you call right before class, you most likely will get my voice mail. I get very focused while preparing for the arrival of the classes and do not usually answer my phone!
- O** Only expect the best! We have a wonderful program, which has been researched and found to be the best for your child, quality home materials, a great environment in which we hold our classes, and we have *your* precious child to stimulate musically, intellectually, and socially. The power of music can change her life forever – thank you for the opportunity to be a part of your child's most impressionable years!