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The Art of Celebration: Kindergarten Club families are music to our ears!

TALK

Listening to music helps young children build stronger language skills. Expose your child to a variety of musical genres (i.e. classical, jazz, blues, rock, rap, African, calypso, reggae, Latino, folk, etc.) and tell them what kind of music it is!

Watch a band or an orchestra (i.e. sporting event, parade, or concert). Name the instruments you see (i.e. tuba, piccolo, trumpet, clarinet, cymbals, violin etc.)

Classical music builds visual attention, focus and memory and is related to stronger reading scores. While listening to classical music with your child, listen for different instruments and name them (i.e. "I hear a flute. It makes a high sound," "Listen to the drums, go boom boom").

Say or sing the lyrics of a song together. Make up your own words to a familiar tune (i.e. "Wash, wash, wash your hands" to the tune of "Row Row Row Your Boat").

SING

Sing "When You're Happy and You Know It" using different actions to complete the song. Clap your hands, stomp your feet, do a jig, sing a tune, jump up and down, give a hug, say "Hooray!"

READ

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? By Bill Martin and Eric Carle. Sing the text of the book to the tune "Ba Ba Black Sheep".

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PLAY

Use a variety of household objects to make music with your child (i.e. pots and pans and wooden spoons, beans in a container to shake, a rubber band stretched over a shoebox, differing amounts of water in glasses to tap with a spoon).

Attend a free concert with your child at a school, park or community function or watch the local high school marching band practice. Parade the Circle (early June) offers children the chance to try out instruments in the field area, Music School Settlement tent.

Check out a variety of musical CDs from the library to enjoy different kinds of music together.

If a friend, family member or neighbor plays an instrument, ask them to play for your child.

The Cleveland Orchestra offers a Musical Rainbow program at Severance Hall to teach young children about various instruments. In the summer, children attend Blossom Music Center concerts free on the lawn and the orchestra performs a free concert in public square in July. Alternatively, check out programs at your local libraries or join a Kindermusik demonstration lesson which are offered periodically.

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