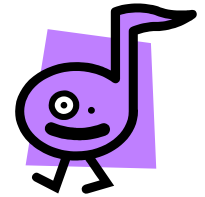


First Steps in Music Registration – Fall Session



For older 3's, 4 & 5 year olds – kindergarteners welcome! –please fill out an application if interested. Note * about timing at the bottom of page.

Welcome! We are very excited to be offering this FREE, weekly music program, through the **Prairie du Sac Public Library**, based on the research and teachings of John M. Feierabend.

This program will be offered on a first come/first served basis. As registration is limited, please commit to the entire semester. Due to space limitations, classes will be held off-site at the **Prairie du Sac Fire Department, 855 17th Street**. Classes will last 35-45 minutes and will be held on **Tuesdays at 3:30, 4:00 or 4:30 (see*)**. The semester will begin **Tuesday, September 21, 2010** and continue through **November 23rd; no class on October 19th**. Registration is for this session only and future classes will require re-registering. Please fill in the following information about your child and return to the library, **560 Park Avenue**, by **September 14th**. I will confirm class registration by **September 15th** and mail confirmation to you OR you can call the library if you'd like. More class information will follow. Questions can also be directed to Beth at pdsyouth@scls.lib.wi.us or 608 643-8318.

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First Steps in Music Registration Information

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Parent's Cell(s): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

If your child has not taken **First Steps** before, please share a little information about your child (previous music classes, likes/dislikes, favorite things, friends already in class? etc.):

*Ideal class size is 12-14 children. Classes will be held from **4:00-4:45**. In the event that we receive many more than 14 registrations, we will hold two classes and class will be 3:30-4:15 or 4:30-5:15. In the event of two classes, please check off your time preference. If another day of the week is better, please note that also in case we need to make a change or for future reference. **Thank you!**

Tue. 3:30-4:15 _____ **Tue. 4:30-5:15** _____ **Either** _____

Alternate Day/Time(s): _____

Staff only: Date registration received _____ by _____ Date class confirmation mailed _____

First Steps in Music Class Information



Class Particulars

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- Classes will be held off-site at the *Prairie du Sac Fire Dept., 855 17th St.* in order to have more room, less distractions, and no “drop-ins.”
- Classes will be held on *Tuesdays* – **exact class time to be confirmed**, and will last 35-45 minutes.
- If school is cancelled, the music program will be cancelled. If cancellation is due to illness or an emergency for Beth, you will be notified. If you need to cancel and can inform me ahead of time, please do so.
- Because children often are independent by age 4, parents are not required to stay for class (**except for week 1**), but are invited to stay if desired, and encouraged to participate.
- Please do **come in** to the building to pick-up your child at the end of class.
- Use caution when parking – do **NOT BLOCK FIRE TRUCK DOORS!**

Unique aspects of the First Steps in Music

- Based on folk and traditional songs and rhymes because of their natural melodic expressiveness, natural flow of the language, and texts filled with wonder.
- Based on early childhood research related to the development of:
 1. music intelligence;
 2. singing skills;
 3. sensitivity to the beat
 4. expressive movement
 5. musical memory

Goals for Children

- To experience activities that will prepare children for the later development of:
 1. accurate rhythmic skills
 2. accurate singing skills
 3. sensitivity to the expressive qualities in music
 4. early literacy (what a child knows about reading and writing BEFORE they actually read and write!)

Suggested Guidelines for Parents to do at home (or in class)

- Learn while your child enjoys & participate as you learn!
- Song sheets will be sent home at the beginning of each semester so that songs can be repeated at home throughout the week. Recommendations of appropriate CD's will also be included.
- Children may be unresponsive during the program but will participate freely at home. This is normal. Children will be encouraged to participate in all activities and repeat for their families at home.

Personal note from Beth

- There is a bathroom right off the main room. Encourage your child to use the toilet before they come (less distraction). Also, unlike storytime, no snacks will be provided. However exceptions can be made if it is birthday! Please contact Beth ahead of time.
- I have been certified in “First Steps” and have taken class from Dr. Feierabend summer of 2008 and am very excited to share my love of music! Thanks for sharing your child with me!