

## **Music Fusion at Tender Years**

Since 2018, Music Fusion has partnered with Tender Years, facilitating fun and educational music enrichment classes and summer camp field-in projects to hundreds of children. We are very thankful to have shared in the development of so many kids!

We have been made aware that Tender Years will no longer be charging families an academy fee, which has supported the cost of the fall Music Fusion session for all children in preschool, preK and Kindergarten classes. Our winter/spring session has been parent-elective and also provided an opportunity for 2 year olds to join class.

In collaboration with Tender Years, we will be shifting the structure of class offerings to be parent-elective for the entire school year. It is your choice to enroll your child(ren) in Music Fusion classes for thirty weeks between September-May. This shift will also allow us to routinely offer a fourth class for two-year olds beginning September 2023!

As there will only be 1 session offered for the whole school year, please take time to consider how this longevity will benefit your child and if your financial investment will be impacted if you plan on moving during the school year. There will be no refunds offered after the program begins.

The cost for the program is \$450. A \$150 deposit is required at the time of registration to reserve your child's spot in the class.

You have two options for payment:

- Pay in full (includes the \$150 deposit) by May 31st, and pay only \$400! (no other discounts will apply for this promotion)
- Pay \$150 at time of registration, \$187.50 by September 8, 2023 and \$112.50 by January 12, 2024 (a one-time \$15 off discount for daycare providers, dual registered siblings, active military, healthcare professionals, teachers, and first responders. This discount will be applied to the second payment).

We accept payments by check, electronic checking account, and credit card (3% of each total will be applied to your invoice each transaction).

Music Fusion online registration for the '23/'24 school year will open May 1st and stay open through September 4th.

Please read on to learn more about Music Fusion and the importance of music enrichment in early childhood development!

## It is our mission to provide children of all abilities opportunities to use music to improve their social-emotional, cognitive, communication, and motor skills.

Music Fusion classes are led by a board-certified music therapist. The instructor is proficient in guitar, piano, vocal, and percussion skills in addition to possessing strengths in group leadership, knowledge of child development, and the creative use of music in the classroom. To learn more about the benefits of having a board-certified music therapist work with your child, please visit www.cbmt.org and www.musictherapy.org. You can also learn more about us at www.wbmusictherapy.com/music-fusion

## Music Makes a Difference with Young Children

- Music stimulates all of the senses and involves the child at many levels. This multi-modal approach facilitates the nurturing of many developmental skills.
- Quality learning and maximum participation occur when children are permitted to experience the joy of play. The medium of music allows this play to occur naturally and frequently.
- Music is highly motivating, yet it can also have a calming and relaxing effect.
- Because the left and right sides of our brain processes music at the same time, the greatest opportunities for cognitive stimulation can be reached.

## **Music Fusion Classes with Your Child**

- All classes are 30-minutes and held weekly for 30 weeks
- Each class is themed; selections are based on significance to the time of year and enrolled children's interests
- Classes will include opportunities for children to:
  - a. Play instruments such as drums, shakers, tambourines, boomwhackers, xylophones, and ukuleles
  - b. Sing in structured and improvisational ways
  - c. Play music-inspired games and interact with puppets, felt board stories, and illustrated books
  - d. Move with props such as parachutes, scarves, bean bags, and buddy bands
- Families will be provided a written summary of each class.

Thank you for considering our program for your child. We look forward to more musical adventures together in Music Fusion!

Sincerely,

Melanie Walborn and Kristyn Beeman Managing Partners for WB Music Therapy, Music Fusion, and WBMT Retreats

Current 2023 Music Fusion Teachers: Lindsay Amspacher, Hannah Brezinski, and Jacqui Rush