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Imagine That! Information Sheet

Welcome to **Kindermusik Imagine That!** At Home Materials include 2 literature books, a playset, family activity book, 2 home CDs, an instrument, and for students new to Imagine That, a backpack.

Parents attend only the final 10 to 15 minutes of **Imagine That** classes. However, the teacher will need for one parent from the group to be present during the entire class to assist with trips to the bathroom or unexpected situations that may arise. Your teacher will talk with all parents at the first class to determine if parents plan to stay in the waiting area or leave. If most parents plan to leave the waiting area, a signup sheet will circulate for parents to rotate. You can sit in the waiting area (where you can read) but still be available when needed.

Please remember to bring the backpack, instruments and any home activities to class each week. Please be sure your child is dressed comfortably and is prepared to go barefoot or wear socks.

Gathering Time: Please make sure you arrive on time and that your child uses the bathroom before coming into class. The first few minutes of class are given to a "gathering" time before we sing the "Hello Song". This time enables your child to make a smooth transition to the Kindermusik class.

During Class: To the casual observer it might look as if we are just playing and having fun in an Imagine That class. While the approach is necessarily playful, every aspect of the Kindermusik curriculum is built upon a solid developmental and musical foundation. As the children play and sing they are improving their sense of rhythm and feel for steady beat, mastering the ability to match pitches, becoming used to different timbres, increasing their repertoire of songs, improving their vocabulary, playing many different instruments, increasing their ability to listen, developing social skills, and of course, gaining a love of music that will last them throughout their lives! Remember, Kindermusik is process, not performance orientated.

Class Order: Please follow the teacher's guidelines for classroom discipline. While freedom of movement is encouraged, uncontrolled running, shouting or displaying harmful behavior towards other children is not allowed. If a child is continually disruptive or poses a safety hazard to himself or other children, that child may not be ready for a group activity such as Kindermusik. On rare occasions a child may need to be withdrawn from the program. Also, notice your child's attention span and don't arrive too early to class.

Sharing Time: Parents join the children for the final 10 to 15 minutes of Imagine That! Please return on time. Your child will be excited to see you! Please spend a moment "reconnecting" with your child, and then encourage them to sit down and continue with the class. Your eagerness to participate will encourage their cooperation. Siblings are welcome to join Sharing Time.

Home Materials: The backpack, books, instruments, playset, and CDs are fun for your child to use. Make a special place for them at home. Continuing the Kindermusik experience at home during the week will help your child to feel comfortable in class and maximize their learning. Listen to the CDs often and have fun with the home activities.