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Village Information Sheet

Welcome to **Kindermusik Village**! Each semester comprises two themes for a total of 15 weeks. At Home Materials for each unit include a literature book, a home journal, CD and 2 art banners in a vinyl satchel.

Kindermusik Village covers a wide range of baby developmental stages; lap baby, crawler, and walker. Your teacher will suggest various ways to do the activities but each of you will need to adapt them to a level that is comfortable for both you and your baby. This may change from week to week so be prepared to be creative! What sets Kindermusik apart from other programs is the fact that it is "child-centered". You and your baby will experience each activity in a way that will be different from anyone else's in the class. Adapting each activity to fit your baby's stage of development, personality and temperament will help you both participate fully in class and reap the most benefits.

Please dress comfortably, and feel free to go barefoot, wear indoor shoes or non-slip socks and . . . be prepared for a workout. You may not need to go to the gym this semester! Some parents prefer to have a blanket handy for lap babies.

Lap Babies: Those of you with lap babies will probably have the easiest time. Your baby will still be light enough to lift and dance with easily - and may even lie still during massage time!

Crawlers & Walkers: Once baby can crawl or walk that is all they will want to do! You may perceive that they do not look interested in class, but there is a lot of purposeful stimulation in class, and babies sort through stimuli in their own way. Above all, don't worry! They are still absorbing-and learning-even as they move around the room. Remember, most of their learning will happen at home so be sure to continue the Kindermusik experience there with your CD, book and banners!

Arrival: Plan to arrive a few moments before class to give your baby time to settle in. Since "Barefoot is Best" for children's sensory development, please leave shoes in the waiting area beside the classroom. Your teacher may be busy transitioning the room from one class to the next. Please wait for the teacher's signal before entering the classroom.

Don't worry if baby cries! Don't worry if baby cries, needs to nurse or have a bottle - a comfy chair is available, and if you wish to nurse in private, a room with comfy furniture is also available. For those of you with older babies please do not bring "finger foods" or sippy cups into the classroom. If your child must eat, please use the waiting area.

"Things" : Please leave toys, sippy cups, pacifiers, and other objects out of sight during class. Our hands will be busy exploring instruments and learning new songs with finger/hand motions and these items can be very distracting. A changing table and Diaper Gene are available in the church nursery should you need to contain any odors! :)

Instruments: Instruments are cleaned between classes. Antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer are available should you need them.

Home Materials: Babies learn through constant repetition. Keep on playing the CDs at home, read the books and try new ways of doing the activities. New ideas are always encouraged in class, we can all learn from each other! By the way, you may tire of the CD music long before your little one does! "Play it again, Mommy," means your little one is learning.

Sick Policy: As a courtesy, please let your baby rest at home when you note any of the following within 24 hours of class: unusual fatigue or irritability; persistent productive cough; thick nasal discharge; conjunctivitis; fever (child should be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before class); vomiting or diarrhea (anytime within the previous 24 hours before class); inflamed throat; or suspicious rash. In addition, a child being treated with antibiotics should be on the drug for at least 24 hours before class.

Cell Phones: If you must be available for calls during class, please set your phone to vibrate mode and wear it. Please take calls outside the classroom, keeping your child with you.

Older Siblings: Please call ahead of time if you need to bring school age siblings to class during school holidays/schedules that are different to Kindermusik schedules.

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