

The Path to Musical Literacy & Piano-Playing

At Miss Jane's Music Studio

	Babies (up to 18 months)	Toddlers (18 months – 3 ½ years)	Preschoolers (3-4 years)	Music Makers (4-6 years)	Keyboard (6-8 years)
How Children Learn Music	Hear	Imitate	Speak/Sing	Read/Write	Play
Sing	Absorb sounds and songs	Echo patterns, beginning singing	Learn musical language, sing familiar songs	Recognize patterns in familiar songs, read/write patterns, find patterns in written music	Play patterns and familiar songs on piano
Move	Move to music with parent by bouncing, rocking, dancing	Learn to move to music independently, develop coordination, impulse control and body awareness	Whole-body movement music stories, creative movement, self-expression of music	Creative and structured movement, explore musical concepts through music, cultural group dancing	Continue to emphasize beat, tempo and other marks of musical expression through movement
Listen	Listen to instrumental and vocal music, listen parent sing, listen to patterns	Identify sounds from daily life and musical instruments, hear and echo patterns	Sharpen aural discrimination with voices of animals, birds and insects	Listen to the different timbres of the instruments of the orchestra	Identify rhythm and tonal patterns in keyboard pieces, listen to important piano pieces from different musical eras
Play	Play simple percussion instruments	Work on beat competency with percussion instruments and resonator bars	Continue beat competency through a variety of percussion instruments, introduce tonal patterns on resonator bars	Play melody patterns on glockenspiel	Play piano!

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