



Musik at Home

You • Your Child • Your Schedule

Tips for Success

GO WITH THE FLOW

Success Is...

- ✓ Spending time nurturing your child's love of music. Going at your child's pace.
- ✓ Engaging your child in the ways he or she is ready to be engaged.
- ✓ Modeling for your child that music is important to you.
- ✓ Singing to the best of your ability, no need for perfection. **Use the highest pitch for the melody that you feel comfortable singing. Singing higher helps your child's voice develop.**
- ✓ Helping your child enjoy something new with you that takes focus and practice.
- ✓ Celebrating that your child is learning peripherally while attention comes and goes.
- ✓ Seeing your child grow to know and love the songs over time with active participation with the music.

Don't worry if...

- ✗ Your child doesn't participate with you right away. That's okay! As you sing and play, your child will eventually join you. Or, your child will learn peripherally by exposure to the music. When Music is present, learning happens naturally.
- ✗ Your child doesn't respond to everything you do. Go with the flow of the day. Perhaps your child needs a rhythm activity rather than an impulse control activity.
- ✗ Your child doesn't sing out loud. There is much going on inside even if the singing isn't outward. Singing will come in time as you encourage your child to use her or her voice.
- ✗ Adding music to your day is brand new. It may take time for your child to grow in the ability to express himself or herself through musical play. Musical development is happening simply by exposure to the music and quality time spent with you.