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FIRST STEPS in MUSIC

Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn.
~ O. Fred Donaldson

WEEKLY FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

We hope you are joining Nicole Busarow with your children at the Aboite and Shawnee library branches for *First Steps in Music*. Following are the times at each branch.

SHAWNEE LIBRARY - Thursdays, 10:30 am

5600 Noll Avenue

September 20, 27

October 4, 11, 18, 25

ABOITE LIBRARY - Fridays, 10:30 am & 11:00 am

5630 Coventry Lane

September 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26



MAKING MUSIC WITH YOUR CHILD

The infant's job is to make sense out of the world. While infants' neurological networks are maturing, they encounter many sounds to decode-including language and, if fortunate, music.

Infants need to hear and feel music early on if they are to begin to make sense of it. If, however, certain neurological pathways are not built early, they will become increasingly difficult to build later. The time to build and maintain those information highways is during the first months of life.

The First Steps in Music curriculum is designed to prepare children to become musical in three ways:

1. Tuneful - to have tunes in their heads and learn to coordinate their voices to sing those tunes.
2. Beatful - to feel the pulse of music and how that pulse is grouped in either 2s or 3s.
3. Artful - to be moved by music in the many ways music can elicit a feelingful response.

Keep on talking and singing to your baby!!



RESOURCES

Check out the Fort Wayne Children's Choir **FIRST STEPS in MUSIC web page!** You can listen to the rhymes and songs used by Nicole. Click on **Notes from Class: First Steps in Music Week 2**, for downloadable, printable words, or access them **here!**

The Fort Wayne Children's Choir and Allen County Public Library's First Steps in Music sessions are made possible by grant funding from the Three Rivers Federal Credit Union and PNC Foundations.



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