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FIRST STEPS in MUSIC

UPCOMING WEEKLY FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC

The Aboite and Shawnee library branches will each offer *First Steps in Music* with Nicole Busarow. We hope you will join her for a 30-minute music session with your children, 0-3 years of age.

SHAWNEE LIBRARY - Thursdays, 10:30 am

5600 Noll Avenue

October 18, 25

November 1, 8, 15

ABOITE LIBRARY - Fridays, 10:15 am & 11:00 am

5630 Coventry Lane

October 12, 19, 26

November 2, 9, 16



FIRST STEPS IN MUSIC ~ BOUNCES

During a *First Steps in Music* session you might hear Nicole mention bounces, wiggles, and tickles. In the next three newsletters we will go into more detail about each activity and its impact on your child.

BOUNCES

Bouncing an infant or toddler on one's knee is the adult-child activity most often recalled by the elderly. Bounces provide an ideal experience of the beat for young children. These wonder-*full* rhymes and songs embody make-believe, provide an opportunity to learn beat and meter, and often consist of delightful melodies.

To market, to market,
To buy a fat pig.
Home again, home again,
Jiggity-jig.

Newborn babies can experience bounces as well as mature toddlers. With adults sitting on the floor, legs outstretched, young infants can be laid on one's lap while the adult lifts the knees on the beat and recites the rhyme. Slightly older babies that can support their head can sit upright on an adult's knee. During the bounce it is best if the toddlers' feet can touch the floor since that will encourage toddlers to initiate the beat motion by pushing off from the floor. Be sure to adjust the tempo of the rhyme to complement the tempo of the baby's movement.



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 5, for downloadable, printable words, or [**access them here!**](#)

ACPL STORY TIME

Try out a story time at your Allen County Public Library branch. Unsure about the times, ask a librarian, or visit the [**Allen County Public Library web site**](#) and check out the individual branches.



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