



Music is wonderful for learning and enjoying...*

- *Playing instruments*
- *Moving to the rhythm and words*
- *Singing new songs*
- *Creating songs*
- *Listening to the radio or CD player*
- *Going to music programs that involve other children*
- *Pushing a switch/button to start music and change songs*
- *Banging on pots and pans to create a rhythm*
- *Playing instruments along with the radio or CDs to match the beat*
- *Making dance routines*
- *Following along to songs that have hand gestures and movements*
- *Exploring music from different cultures*



How could you support your child's learning through music?

I could...

- ▶ Play a variety of music and notice what my child likes.
- ▶ Look for events in the community that might have music.
- ▶ Point out music when I hear it, such as chimes at the park or birds chirping.
- ▶ Join in and follow my child's lead when he/she tries to dance.
- ▶ Introduce new sounds or dance moves that my child can imitate if he/she wants.
- ▶ Exercise to music and allow my child to join me if he/she wants.
- ▶ Enjoy my child's attempts to be creative through music.
- ▶ Play music when we are in the car.
- ▶ Allow my child to choose the music we play.
- ▶ Provide music, and home-made or store bought musical instruments for my child to play when he/she desires.
- ▶ Teach my child how to care for musical instruments, CD's, and electronics to keep them in good condition.

* Music promotes development in all areas: cognitive, communication, motor, self-help and social.