



American Orff-Schulwerk Association

MUSIC IS CRITICAL TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT

In Orff Schulwerk music programs, children learn in a holistic way. Children's play is the foundation as speech, song, movement, drama, and instrumental play combine to actively engage learners with the elements of music and movement.

Reading Skills: Research suggests that oral reading of song lyrics and musical speech (rhymes, poetry, etc.) improves a child's ability to read fluently.

Brain Development: Neurologists believe that early rhythmic experiences support brain development.

Learning through Orff Schulwerk builds skills that grow beyond the music...

Creativity
Communication
Critical Thinking
Collaboration
Confidence
Courage
Culture
Community
Capable Citizens

Orff Schulwerk develops each child's potential, not only as a musician, but as a whole person...a future leader.

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PARENTS – YOUR INTEREST MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

SING, SAY, DANCE, PLAY AND MORE...

Here are some things you can do at home to enrich your child's musical interest and skills.

Talk with your child about what they learn and enjoy in music.

- What songs are you singing? Do you have a favorite? Can you teach it to me?
- Have you played any instruments lately? Which ones?
- Do you have a favorite singing or movement game? Can you show it to me?

Sing with your child. Your child prefers your voice to any recording! Singing helps build routines: bedtime, bath-time, cleaning up. Whistle while you work.

Move or Dance to any music...just for the joy of it.

Play instruments if they are available, or create a "kitchen band" or use household items to create interesting, layered rhythms. Play music games like "Name that Tune" or "Sound Concentration" (matching unseen sounds).

Create opportunities for discovery. Lower the volume on a familiar movie or show and create your own sound track. Listen to and imitate all kinds of sounds: animal sounds...environmental sounds.

Listen to live or recorded music of different styles.