

Just for Families!



Our next unit, "Making Music," is sure to have your child movin' and groovin'! During this unit, we will explore many different musical instruments, different types of music and, of course, dance. Not only will we talk about the names of different musical instruments, we will learn how each is played as well. If you know how to play a musical instrument, be sure to show your child. We will also explore dances from around the world. Here are the main concepts we will explore during this unit:

- * What is Music?
- * What is a Marching Band?
- * Music & Dance from China
- * Devices that Play Music
- * Exploring Different Styles of Music
- * Music & Dance from Latin America
- * Music & Dance from Africa
- * Musical Instruments

Here are some activities you can do with your child at home that reinforce our unit, "Making Music."

Bathtime:



Play classical music during bath time. Watch to see how your child reacts.

Mealtime:



Play different styles of music during mealtime. Invite your child to talk about which type he/she likes best and why.

Out & About (Traveling):



Play a variety of music while riding in the car with your child. If your child is verbal, sing nursery rhymes or other traditional tunes together while riding along.

Bedtime:



Try playing soft, classical music during your child's bedtime routine.

Sing the following song and dance with your child.

MOVE YOUR FEET
(tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

Move your feet and dance, dance, dance,
Dance, dance, dance,
Dance, dance, dance.
Move your feet and dance, dance, dance
All around the room!

