



Fall 2023 Policies Musikgarten at the Imperfect Music Studio

Schedule: Musikgarten will be a 13 week semester in Fall 2023. The semester begins on Monday, September 11 and the final session will be on Monday, December 11.

There will be NO class on October 2, 2023.

Family Music (newborn – 3.5 years): The tuition for Family music is \$225 for the semester. Family Music meets on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Cycle of Seasons (3 years to 5 years): The tuition for Cycle of Seasons is \$265 for the semester. Cycle of Seasons meets on Mondays from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Payment: Payment in full is due by one week before the first class unless you have arranged a payment schedule.

To preserve the educational value of the program, there is no pay-as-you-go option. When you register for a session, you are committing to the full session. We accept cash, check, and ACH transfers & credit card payments through Square. Credit card payments will be charged at 3.3% service fee and ACH transfers will be charged a 1% service fee.

Please pay on time. There will be a \$10 late fee added to late payments.

Gift certificates are also available for purchase through Square.

Dropping Class/Refunds: You may withdraw your child from the class up to one week before the start of the semester, for a refund excluding a \$50 administrative fee. Starting one week before the beginning of the session, refunds or credit are **not** given for missed classes or for students who drop a class.

Required Materials: The teacher will hand out materials during the first week of class. Each booklet contains a CD and an access code for a digital download of the song recordings. There may be additional materials associated with each age level (song books, instruments, animal cards, note cards, etc.). The books and recordings are for home use, so you and your child become more familiar with the songs and activities we do in class.

Class Size: Each class has a minimum enrollment of 4 children and enrollment is capped at 12 children in Family Music and 13 children in Cycles of Seasons.

Weather Policy: If the Estes Park School District is closed due to bad weather, we will also be closed. Every attempt will be made to make up missed classes. Every attempt will be made to call or text families involved.

Holidays: We do NOT close for all holidays. Check with your teacher for specific holidays (e.g., Columbus Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, etc.)

Loss or Injury: Imperfect Music Studio is not responsible for any loss or injury incurred while participating in the program. Signature on the registration form or the submission of an online registration acknowledges that Imperfect Music Studio is released from all liability, including, but not limited to liability resulting from anyone's negligence.

Signature or electronic registration also constitutes acknowledgement that the parent or caregiver agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Imperfect Music Studio from any liability, costs or claims, related either directly or indirectly to participation in an Imperfect Music Studio program, including legal or medical expenses incurred for the participant's benefit.

Note: Please realize that all children learn at different rates and in different ways. Some children will be quiet in class, others will be active. Some children will do everything perfectly at home, but not in class. Your job is to play and have fun with your child and ensure his/her safety as well as that of other children in the class. As a parent, you know that every child is unique, so leave your comparisons at the door, and let the music work its magic!

Illness/Covid Policy: For the health and safety of the other children, parents, and the teacher, if you or your child are sick, please stay home. Illness includes, but is not limited to, flu, cold, Covid, fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, severe congestion or runny nose, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Class Guidelines:

- Please try to be on time. We sit on the floor, so wear comfortable clothing and remove your shoes.
- If needed, please feel free to step outside for a little break.
- We request no more than two caregivers per family in all caregiver/child classes. Please inquire about special visitors or circumstances, as we can usually accommodate.

- Be mindful that we share space in a wonderful facility that have their own requirements. Please do not enter any area of the building that is blocked off.
- Bathrooms will be regularly cleaned, and parents are asked to wipe down/spray surfaces in bathrooms after use.
- Food, toys, or other "distractions" often cause problems rather than provide comfort when brought into music class. Since another child might want your child's drink or stuffed animal, please leave those things at home or in the car. (Also, singing and moving with food and drink can be a choking hazard.)

What if my child is running around and exploring the room OR doing nothing during music class? Ask yourself a few questions.

Are they safe? Our room is generally safe for supervised babies and toddlers, however, there are a few things that may be unsafe. So please be attentive to your child and redirect your child if necessary.

Are they distracting other children? Generally, a child who is exploring the room or wandering around the outside of the circle is not a distraction to the class or to other children. Many children learn best absorbing from observation and from moving. Occasionally, however, it's necessary to pull them back into the circle! If your child is touching other children, other parents' things, or is drawing excessive attention to themselves, please bring them back to your lap for a little cuddle and music play time to reset.

Are they learning? Observe the child - toddlers often just watch, absorbing and thinking. You may see bits of music class in independent play, in requests for the home CD, in dancing or moving, but only see a wandering child during class. It's okay! As with language, music can be understood long before the child is ready to produce it independently, and music class is one of the great ways to create that aural and musical immersion so critical for developing musicality.

Imperfect Music Studio reserves the right to amend these guidelines at anytime and will notify families of any changes via personal email and our website. Please check your email regularly for any changes that may need to be made.