

GERVAIS PRESCHOOL

GERVAIS EARLY LEARNING CENTER



MUSIC IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

March is Music Appreciation Month! Music has a huge impact on young children's cognitive development. Literacy skills are often taught through songs such as rhyming, alliteration, and breaking down words into syllables. Children develop a sense of concepts using comparisons like fast and slow, up and down, louder and softer, and higher and lower.

"MUSIC CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"
- LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVAN

Symbolic play—pretending one thing is something else—happens when they do action words to songs (climb a mountain, drive a car). Their social/emotional skills grow because they are part of a community when they sing songs together. Music also helps to develop self-regulation skills, which are very important when learning to interact in a group setting. Songs also help children express their own emotions as they sing and dance.





Playing music games helps them to feel successful as they learn routines, follow directions, and work as a team. Children develop physical skills by following along with the motions of a song, which helps strengthen their muscles and allows them greater control over their gross and fine motor skills. These skills are what they use when running, jumping, hopping, skipping, holding a pencil, or using scissors. Additionally, they learn to become more aware of where their body is in space. There are so many benefits of music and movement in early childhood settings that high quality early childhood settings consider music and movement essential parts of their curriculum.

UPCOMING DATES

March 16 & 17; preschool closed

March 20- Register for Kindergarten

March 26-30, preschool closed

April 14- closed (Holiday)

April 19- preschool closed (Professional Development)

May 9 (room 1) 10 (room 2) 11 (room 3) Gilbert House Field trip

June 15 Promotion Celebration @ 5:30 pm

June 16 Last day of school/early dismissal

We want to partner with you. Please let us know of anything that might affect your child's day at school, things he/she is learning at home, and any questions or concerns you may have. If you want to talk directly to your child's teacher, know that she wants to talk with you! Teachers aren't always able to talk on the phone between 8-2 pm, however you can leave a message at the welcome center and she can call you back. You can also email or send a brightwheel message. Thank you for letting us know important things about your child.

