## Nurturing child development

EDMONTON JOURNAL AUGUST 10, 2011

Kindermusik is a child-centered program that focuses on whole-child development through music and movement.

Kindermusik offers unique curricula for early childhood learning and enrichment that is based upon developmentally appropriate methods. Whether listening, moving, vocalizing, enjoying an ensemble, playing an instrument, creating or reading music, the focus is on process, not performance. Kindermusik is geared to the specific developmental stages of children ages newborn through seven years to help them grow musically, cognitively, socially and physically.

Designed by early childhood education specialists, Kindermusik classes are structured, yet fun; they encourage individual development and strengthen group interaction skills. Parent/child bonding is enhanced as all curricula include Kindermusik takehome tapes and books, and parents accompany their children to class in many of the programs.

Scientific research is showing that early musical experiences can produce lasting effects on a child's development. Studies have proven the cognitive benefits of early musical learning. Music enhances spatial reasoning, particularly in the young, whose brains are still maturing. The non-musical outcomes of music education provide scientific support for music programs. Music education may provide an enriching way of teaching the three Rs and other subjects to preschoolers. Some benefits of music for children that have been widely accepted are: increased vocabulary, accelerated language development, heightened sense of body and self, improved physical co-ordination and expansion of memory. A network of 5,000 licensed Kindermusik teachers throughout Canada, the U.S., Singapore and 20 other countries are specially trained to nurture the education and enrichment of very young children.

They also teach private lessons in guitar, drums, voice, piano, theory, violin, cello, bass, saxophone, clarinet.

Phone for a complimentary Kindermusik class - move, learn, and have fun!

For more information, please call Kidsnotes Music at 780-702-5176 or visit www.kidsnotes.ca. They are now accepting registration for September classes.

© Copyright (c) The Edmonton Journal

1 of 1 8/10/11 6:53 PM