



Dear Parents,

The question parents most often ask me is "when should I start my three year old in piano lessons (or guitar lessons, or voice lessons.) I have taught piano lessons to students of all ages and my answer is "find a comprehensive music program that will set the foundation for your child's later formal music lessons". And guess what? My music studio is the right place for this kind of learning. Rather than to expecting a toddler or child under five to sit still and pay attention during a long 30 minute formal one-on-one music lesson, my studio offers children's music classes where music and movement are the primary modes of learning and experiencing music. In this music program children from babies through age 9 express music through singing, dancing, drumming and playing musical instruments. Each musical activity is part of a marvelous Musikgarten curriculum. When your child joins a class you can be sure that every activity is appropriate for their growing brains and bodies. My students can't wait to come and make music. Being ready for formal "one on one" music lessons may not happen until your child is 7, 8 or even older. But your child is more than ready for a holistic music and movement class that is based on sound musical activities that prepare all children for a complete musical education. The graduates of my program are those selected to sing solos in their school choirs, and to play in their school orchestras and in their school bands. They are ready for that music lesson with their ears as their leader! They continue to enjoy music study throughout their lives because for them music is a passion and this is what I want to develop in all the children that walk into my studio.

In addition, I want the parents to understand they are a part of their children's musical upbringing. Yes, you the parent are an essential ingredient to this triangle of learning. Teacher, student, parent! You are a leg in the chair your child sits on as they grow in their music studies. Your role consists of more than buy the instrument and dropping the student on time for the music lesson. Here at my studio you get to learn alongside your student, enjoying the moment by moment experience of music making from the earliest baby music classes through mini-concerts for the group piano programs. We need your support and enthusiasm and family time is part of every class in my program.

So, are you interested in this musical adventure? Try out a Musikgarten class this week! Just call me to confirm what day you wish to join us. Every class is part of a life long journey for every family. Be a part of it. I would love to have you!

Sincerely,
Anja Scheidel

