



Getting Started Guide

Welcome to Little Kiddos Music Academy®! We're so excited to help you bring joyful, research-based music learning to your little kiddos. A few simple preparations will help your classes run smoothly and ensure children (and you!) get the most out of every lesson.

Before You Begin

Prepare Your Space

- Choose an open area where children can sit and move safely.
- Remove small obstacles and anything that could become a tripping hazard.
- Position the screen where all children can easily see it. A larger screen is recommended whenever possible.
- Test your audio before class begins and minimize distractions if you can.

Gather Your Materials

Have the recommended instruments, scarves, visuals, books, or other supplies for the lesson ready before pressing play. This allows transitions to happen quickly and keeps children engaged.

During Class

Adult Supervision Is Required

An adult should always remain with the children throughout the entire class. Your participation helps children stay engaged, follow directions, and enjoy the experience even more.

Join the Fun!

Children learn by watching the adults around them. Model the movements, sing along, participate in instrument activities, and encourage children to try their best. Offer help when needed, but also give children opportunities to be successful independently.

Pause When Needed

Feel free to pause the video at any time to meet the needs of your group.

You may especially want to pause:

- to give children extra time to answer a question or discuss a concept.
- when passing out or collecting instruments.
- before/during the *Rockin' Rhythms* section to distribute drums or other instruments. If you are passing assorted instruments, it's a great idea to pause and rotate after every measure is played. (Each is played four times.) You could even repeat the *Rockin' Rhythms* to allow for more instrument turns and success in playing correctly. Lastly, we *highly* recommend that you always pass instruments in the same direction every single time. This will help the children to know what to expect, to anticipate the next instrument, and it drastically cuts down on instrument-sharing issues!
- anytime your class needs a little extra practice or repetition.

There is no need to rush. Quality learning is always more important than finishing every activity.

Encourage Movement

Movement is an important part of every Little Kiddos Music Academy® lesson. When it is safe to do so, encourage children to stand and move around their personal space.

Safety Tips

- Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult.
- Ensure there is enough room for movement activities before class begins.
- Use instruments only as directed.
- If a child is no longer seated or begins using rhythm sticks, drums, or other instruments unsafely, calmly remove the instrument until they are ready to try again.
- Always encourage children to pass instruments carefully and follow classroom expectations.

Remember...

Children don't need to do everything perfectly to be learning. Some will eagerly participate, while others quietly observe before joining in—both are valuable ways to learn. Through consistent routines, repeated songs and movements, and frequent exposure to music concepts, children naturally build confidence over time. Consistency, repetition, and joyful participation are what make Little Kiddos Music Academy® so successful.