

Music in the Pre-K Classroom

Music and movement is an important part of a Pre-K student's day. Listening and moving to music requires children to use various parts of their brain simultaneously including using the frontal lobes which are important to language and motor development. Participating in music and movement activities helps prepare children's minds for learning later in school. So while music is one of the most engaging, enjoyable ways to provide memorable and meaningful learning experiences for young children, it is also one of the best things a teacher can plan for children that will positively affect their learning. There are many ways teachers can incorporate music and movement into their Pre-K day but the most important thing to be remembered is that the teacher needs to be the role model for children by enthusiastically participating in **all** of the music activities. When teachers have fun, students have fun **and** learn! Teachers can use the list below to help select various types of music; adding to the list their favorite children's music.

Musical Recordings to reflect Various Types of Music

Multi-Cultural:

- *A Child's Celebration of Folk Music*, Music for Little People
- *A Child's Celebration of the World*, Music for Little People
- *A Mediterranean Odyssey*, Putumayo
- *Brown Girl in the Ring: A World Music Collection*, Music for Little People
- *Cajun for Kids!*, Papillion
- *Celtic Tides: A Musical Odyssey*, Putumayo
- *African Playground*, Putumayo
- *Paying in the Rain: Chinese Folk Songs*, Beijing Angelic Choir
- *Fiesta Musical: A Child's Musical Adventure through Latin America*, Music for Little People
- *Smilin' Island of Song*, Music for Little People
- *World Playground: A Musical Adventure for Kids*, Putumayo World Music

Dance:

- *A Child's Celebration of Dance Music*, Music for Little People
- *All Time Favorite Dances*, Kimbo
- *All You Need is Love – Beatles Songs for Kids*, Music for Little People
- *Caribbean Party*, Putumayo
- *Celebration of Disco*, Music for Little People
- *Children's Folk Dances*, Georgiana Stewart
- *Patriotic Songs & Marches*, Kimbo

Jazz:

- *Golden Slumbers*, Dave Koz, Jeff Koz and Friends
- *Jazz for Kids: Sing, Clap, Wiggle and Shake*, Jazz for Kids
- *Jazz for Kids: Everybody's Boppin*, Lisa Yves
- *Rhythm and Rhymes*, Mother Goose Jazz Band



Lullabies:

- *A Child's Celebration of Lullaby*, Music for Little People
- *Children's Songs From Around the World, Volume 3: Lullabies*, Arion
- *Folk Song Lullabies*, Phil Rosenthal & Family
- *Lullabies for Little Dreamers: Soft Rock Classics from Your Favorite Stars*, Rhino Records
- *Lullaby: A Collection*, Music for Little People
- *Papa's Lullaby*, Ellipsis
- *The Planet Sleeps*, Sony
- *The World Sings Goodnight*, Silver Wave
- *The World Sings Goodnight 2*, Silver Wave
- *Traditional Lullabies*, Growing Minds with Music

Classical:

- *A Child's Celebration of Classical Music*, Music for Little People
- *Classical Music*, Growing Minds with Music
- *Music for My Little Friends*, James Galaway
- *The Mozart Effect – Music for Children*, compiled by Don Campbell
- *The Power of Classical Music*, Victoria Rowell

Children's:

- *Jim Gill Sings Do Re Mi on his Toe Leg Knee*, Jim Gill
- *Peter, Paul and Mommy*, Peter, Paul and Mary
- *Smithsonian Folkways Children's Music Collection*, Smithsonian Folkways
- *Classic Nursery Rhymes*, Susie Tallman & Friends
- *Getting to Know Myself*, Hap Palmer
- *Great Big Fun for the Very Little One*, Tom Chapin
- *Singable Songs for the Very Young*, Raffi
- *Songs for the Whole Day*, Thomas Moore
- *Swinging in the Rain*, Maria Muldaur
- *We All Live Together (Volumes 1-5)*, Greg and Steve
- *Wonder Kids: Mother Goose Songs*, MADACY Kids
- *You'll Sing a Song and I'll Sing a Song*, Ella Jenkins

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Please refer to the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) for specific standards and indicators.