Music Together® Class Policies:

Please read our general policies carefully and share them with any caregiver(s) who take your child to class as well. Feel free to contact me with any questions.



Adult participation is vital. Children learn from watching their loved ones, and you can inspire them to be enthusiastic music-makers just by enjoying the class yourself and singing and moving along. You will be your child's best role model, regardless of your musical ability. Having fun is all that's required!

Listen to the recording and use the songbook at home. Music Together is more than just a 45-minute class once a week. Your child will get even more out of the program when you bring the music and materials into his or her home life -- in the car, at bath time, changing diapers, or maybe a class for teddy bears led by your own small teacher! As the grownup in class, you'll feel more comfortable singing along when you know the songs. And as we said above, your participation is key!

Your child is free to explore, to play and to discover. Please allow your child to experience the class in his or her own unique way, whether that is by moving constantly, sitting, staring, and tasting instruments rather than playing them, etc. Children have the amazing ability to teach themselves through play. Even the most well-meaning adult can disrupt that process by giving too much direction. We know from working with hundreds of children over the years that each child is busily taking in the musical information, even if that is not apparent from his or her behaviors in class. We see musical expression emerging over time (often at home when you play the recording) as the semesters progress. So, resist the urge to put your hands over your child's to clap for them or play an instrument for them. If you feel the urge to call their name or give them verbal instruction, try singing or dancing instead!

The Wet Bin

"Tasting" instruments is developmentally appropriate. All instruments are cleaned regularly. Please leave any instrument or prop your child has put in his or her mouth in the wet bin, and it will be disinfected after class. With that said, you are the only person who knows what you are comfortable with your child putting in his or her mouth. When in doubt, we can swap out for a baby-safe item, so your child still gets the input they are seeking in a safe way.

NO FOOD or DRINK/TOYS/CELLPHONES

Please feel free to leave the circle or classroom if it is necessary to give your child a snack or drink during class. Join us back when this break is over. Nursing or bottle feeding in the circle is perfectly acceptable; this is entirely up to you and your comfort level. Water bottles can be kept nearby so we can stay hydrated! Children who have loveys or security items that they need to feel comfortable can certainly bring those. Please don't have cellphones out where they can be a distraction for the children or the grownups! If you need your phone for emergencies, certainly keep it on you.

Safety

The only time we need to address active behavior during class is when a child's behavior becomes dangerous, either to him/her or others. In such cases, we can redirect the child

musically, with singing or dancing. I'm happy to help! If you feel the need to speak to your older child about challenging behavior, feel free to step outside of the classroom for a moment to do so.

Talking

Sing, don't talk! Do you need to get your child's attention? Go to where he or she is, use your singing voice, or model what you want them to do. Want to chat with your friend? Feel free to come in a few minutes early or stay a few minutes after class to catch up! When we avoid talking in class, we get to enjoy a fully musical experience for 45 minutes, which is a great treat! (We all have to talk once in a while - even me - so this is our goal, not a prohibition!)

Timeliness

Being on time is appreciated not only by the class, but also by your own child. We will be starting class on time. Don't miss the Hello Song; it is a ritual that helps all the children feel welcomed and it signals the start of their music class. (In fact, it's a good way to get pokey toddlers out the door... "We don't want to miss the Hello Song!") If your child is having difficulty with transitions, or this is a first class experience, try to arrive five minutes early to help them get comfortable in the room.

Health Policy

Are you or your child sick? Please stay home and do a bonus class later. You can do a bonus class at any location. Please use the Bonus Class Scheduler at https://peekaboofamilymusic.com//makeups.aspx. Bonuses can be scheduled for any time you are an **active member**, even for a different song collection.

Videotaping/Photography

We understand you want to tangibly preserve the precious moments of your child making music. There will be a chance on the last day of each song collection to take pictures and video during the play-along. I'll remind everyone so you don't forget your cameras!

Guest Policy

Visiting adults and grandparents are always welcome. Siblings up to 8 months and over 6 years old can attend free of charge. The guest fee of \$20 will be applied to visiting children under 6 who are not a sibling to a registered child. Siblings under 6 can attend free of charge once per song collection along with the registered child and \$15/class after the first time. If you're bringing a friend who might be interested in joining, please contact the office to reserve a spot for trial for free in advance. If you are unsure, just call and ask!

Social Media

We appreciate your likes, follows and positive reviews online! You can find us at <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Google Reviews</u>. Look for @peekaboofm.

WEATHER/ILLNESS RELATED CANCELLATION

If severe weather is anticipated, please check our <u>website</u> or <u>Facebook page</u> to see cancellation announcements by 8am on the day. If a teacher is ill and unable to teach, every effort will be made to notify families as early as possible. Class cancellations are always communicated to enrolled families by text and e-mail. Please opt in to text messaging to be notified promptly.

Alexia Tate, Peek-a-Boo Family Music, 7/28/25

Terms and Conditions

- Music Together/Rhythm Kids specific: No refunds after the first day of class. Refunds are paid by check only, and are subject to a \$10 administrative fee, if the customer withdraws before the first day of class. This fee is waived if the director cancels the class. All families new to the Monthly Membership Program must pay a one-time, non-refundable \$45 administrative fee. There must be a payment method on file for automatic billing on the first of each month. Customer must keep payment information up to date. There is a \$10 fee for declined payments. 30 days notice in writing after a three-month minimum period is required for membership cancellations. Customer cannot receive materials (songbook & CD/access code) until first month's tuition is paid. Discounts are given at director's discretion, but in accordance with any statements made in print or online. Pro-rated tuition rate for mid-month registration is determined at director's discretion. No materials are available when only two classes remain in the song collection upon enrollment. Materials cannot be waived for a discounted tuition; all paid families receive materials even if they have a set from a previous enrollment. Bonus classes may not be taken while a membership is paused. There is no guaranteed number of classes per month. Classroom policies are available at the Enrolled Family Portal, and director reserves the right to enforce these policies.
- Photo policy: Teacher may take photos during class and use those photos for marketing of Peek-a-Boo
 Family Music only. Customers can opt out of photo use by contacting director, or checking the box during
 online registration.
- Health & Safety waiver: Families attending in-person classes or lessons must adhere to health & safety guidelines. Attendance of class or lesson implies assertion that no one attending is actively contagious with any communicable disease. When you accept these Terms, you are agreeing to adhere to the guidelines, and you release Peek-a-Boo Family Music and Music Together® Worldwide from liability for unintentional exposure or harm due to Covid-19, RSV, cold, flu or other illness. Additionally, you acknowledge the inherent risks of physical activity and release Peek-a-Boo Family Music and Music Together Worldwide from liability for accidental injury incurred in the regular course of attendance in class or lessons. There are no refunds given if the class or lesson is moved to Zoom at any time due to safety concerns.

Privacy Statement

By enrolling in a Music Together[®] class at Peek-a-Boo Family Music, a licensed Music Together center, you agree that name and address information you provide will be shared with Music Together Worldwide (MTW). For information about how MTW uses and stores your personal information, we encourage you to review the Music Together Worldwide Privacy Policy.