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1. Greetings, Musikgarten Families! We are about halfway through the Fall Semester. I love this time of the semester because everything seems to "settle" a bit, and both the kids and adults seem more at-home with each other and with me. I hope that you are enjoying your CD's at home and in the car. I commend you on investing in your child's present and future well-being and quality of life by immersing them in music-making.

2. Please spread the word about the studio by giving Free Preview Class coupons to your friends, neighbors, ECFE and other groups, family, and anybody else who might be interested. They can call me and schedule to attend a free class at any point in the semester, and if there is room in a class, they can enroll at any point in the semester. They can also print a coupon online at the website at www.MusikgartenMinnehahaFalls.com under "Preview Class." If your friend enrolls in a class, you will receive a voucher for 10% of the tuition of any future class.

3. It is always good to review a few of my studio policies. You can view the full policies online, but here are a few to remember:

No classes Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 22, 23, 24 (Thanksgiving)

Please keep sick children (and parents) at home. You can schedule a make-up class another week.

If you arrive to class and the door to the Conference Room is closed, please wait in the hall until I open the door.

Please keep sippy cups and food out of the room. If your child has a special need, please take them out in the hall.

Please put all bags up on tables or hang them on hooks at the bottom of the stairs.

On wet days, please hang jackets on the hooks at the bottom of the stairs.

4. Here is a link to an article about how our brains operate and how music can play an integral role in development.

http://www.gymboree.ch/pdf/articles/wired_for_sound.pdf

5. There are revisions in the Spring 2008 Semester dates (15 weeks):

February 7, 2008 - May 28, 2008 (no classes March 31-April 5)

This new set of dates corresponds with Minneapolis Public Schools' Spring Break.

Registration for Spring 2008 will begin December 3, 2007. Register early to ensure that you get into the class of your choice. For those who register by December 22nd (the last day of Fall 2007 class), you will receive a 10% discount (this is in addition to any other discount vouchers or coupons you may have).

6. Did you know that I offer private piano lessons for ages 4-adult in my home studio?

7. Finally, here are fingerplays and songs for Weeks 5-10 that I incorporate in class that are not on your CD or in your songbook. Please note that this is a list for all the classes (Babies, Toddlers, Preschool), so you will not be familiar with every song. I encourage you to insert your child's name and also to get creative with inserting new movements into the songs and fingerplays.

Me and my Granny and the old gray mare, Kicked up a rumpus going to the Fair.
Along came a policeman, Said, "Who's there?" Just me and my Granny and the old gray mare.

Wiggle, wiggle fingers, right up to the sky.
Wiggle, wiggle fingers, wave them all goodbye.
Wiggle, wiggle fingers, right into a ball.
Wiggle, wiggle fingers, and do not let it fall. ("Ker-plunk!")

Knock, knock, knock; Must be more...Trick-or-treaters at my door
I open the door and what do I see; A great big pumpkin smiling at me

Quickly, quickly, very quickly Runs the little mouse.
Quickly, quickly, very quickly All around the house.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly Crawls the garden snail.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly Along the wooden rail.

Little Peter plays the drum, listen as he plays the drum; Rum, tum, rum, tum, rum, tum, tum.

Knock at the door, Peek in. Open the latch and walk in.

Tiptoe, tiptoe, softly like a mouse
Tiptoe, tiptoe, all through the house.
Marching, marching, up and down
Marching, marching, all around the town.
Stretch... Stretch...
Waving, waving, from side to side
Waving, waving, what a nice ride!

Five little pumpkins growing on a vine
Said the first little pumpkin, "Don't I look fine?"
Said the second little pumpkin, "I'll be a pie."
Said the third little pumpkin, "I'll be a lantern by and by."
Said the fourth little pumpkin, "I will, too."
But the fifth little pumpkin just said, "Boo!"

Knock, knock, knock; Must be more...Trick-or-treaters at my door
I open the door and what do I see; A great big pumpkin smiling at me

Hands a washing hands a washing, wash them til they're clean
Get some water, get some soap, and wash them til they're clean
Oh where's the towel to pat them dry, it's on the rack it's much too high
So now we'll have to shake them shake them shake them shake them
now we'll have to shake them shake them shake them til they're dry
So now we'll have to shake them shake them shake them shake them
now we'll have to shake them shake them shake them til they're dry

Have you seen the ghost of John
Long white bones with no skin on
Whooooooooo...Wouldn't it be chilly with no skin on

We are pumpkins, big and round
Big and round, big and round.
We are pumpkins, big and round,
Seated on the ground.

I like to rake the leaves into a great big hump
Then I move back a bit, bend my knees and jump!

Hinx minx the old witch winks, the fat begins to fry
There's nobody home but jumping Joan
Mother, Father, and I...BOO!

Hop old squirrel, eidle dum eidle dum
Hop old squirrel, eidle dum dee
Hop old squirrel, eidle dum eidle dum
Hop old squirrel, eidle dum dee
(Climb, Run, Jump, Dig, Sleep, etc.)

Pass and catch, pass and catch
Pass and catch the bag
Pass the bag, pass the bag
Pass and catch the bat

We can jump, jump, jump; we can hop, hop, hop
We can clap, clap, clap; we can stop, stop, stop
We can nod our heads for "yes"; we can shake our heads for "no"
We can bend our knees a little bit, and sit down slow

Frogs jump
Caterpillars hump
Worms wiggle
Bugs jiggle
Rabbits hop
Horses Clop
Snakes slide
Seagulls glide
Mice creep

Deer leap
Puppies bounce
Kittens pounce
Lions stalk
But I walk
Johnny Johnny Johnny Johnny
Whoops Johnny Whoops
Johnny Johnny Johnny Johnny (insert child's name)

Ten wiggly fingers
Wiggle from side to side
Ten wiggly fingers
Going for a ride
Ten wiggly fingers
Wiggle up and down
Ten wiggly fingers
Riding down to town
Ten wiggly fingers
Wiggle round and round
Ten wiggly fingers
Don't make a single sound
Ten wiggly fingers
Playing hide and seek
Ten wiggly fingers
Now they're gone! Don't peek

Hop along, Mr. Hare, hop along
Hop along, Mr. Hare, hop along
Hop along, Mr. Hare, hop along, Mr. Hare
Hop along, Mr. Hare, hop along

Jingles, jingles, where are you?
Oh here I am, oh here I am
How do you do?

Peek a boo Baby
Peek a boo Bye
We can play peek a boo
Baby and I (insert child's name)

Yellow, yellow, yellow who is holding yellow
Yellow, yellow, yellow who is holding yellow
Yellow's waving 'round the room, yellow's waving 'round the room
Yellow, yellow, yellow who is holding yellow (insert other colors)

Round and round the circle
Round and round the circle
Round and round the circle
As we have done before

Flies in the buttermilk, shoo fly shoo
Flies in the buttermilk, shoo fly shoo
Flies in the buttermilk, shoo fly shoo
Skip to my lou my darling
Skip, skip, skip to my lou
Skip, skip, skip to my lou
Skip, skip, skip to my lou
Skip to my lou my darling
Verse 2: Riding to market, two by two
Verse 3: Chicken in the crockpot, Mulligan stew
Verse 4: Hiding in the barnyard, I see you

Five little birds without any home
Five little trees all alone
Come build your nests in our branches tall
We'll rock you to and fro

Say my love, will you go to Boston
Say my love, will you go to Boston
Say my love, will you go to Boston early in the morning

Listen for bells on the steeple to ring
Ding ding ding ding ding ding ding ding

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping
Brother John? Brother John?
Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing
Ding dong ding. Ding dong ding

Dance, Thumbkin, dance!
Dance, Thumbkin, dance!
Thumbkin cannot dance alone
So dance little fingers every one
And dance, Thumbkin, dance
Verse 2: Dance, Pointer, Dance!
Verse 3: Dance Baby dance!

Here's a hill,
And here's a hill,
All covered with snow.
I'll jump on my sled,
And ZOOM! Down I'll go.

Johnny works with 1 hammer, 1 hammer, 1 hammer
Johnny works with 1 hammer, now he works with 2
(3, then, 4, then 5, Now he works no more)
Where, oh where has my little dog gone?
Oh where, oh where can he be?

With his tail cut short and his ears cut long
Oh where, oh where can he be?

Rock a bye baby in the tree top
When the wind blows, the cradle will rock
When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall
And down will come baby, cradle and all

Little ducky duddle went wading in a puddle
Went wading in a puddle quite small (quack quack)
Said he, "It doesn't matter how much I splash and splatter,
I'm only a ducky after all" (quack quack)

Jim, Jim along, Jim along Josie
Jim, Jim along, Jim along Jo
Jim, Jim along, Jim along Josie
Jim, Jim along, Jim along Jo

Mouse, mouse in the housie, hurry, hurry do
Or the kitty in the housie will be chasing you...RUN!

I'm a rolling, I'm a rolling
I'm a rolling through this wonderful world
I'm a rolling, I'm a rolling
Through this wonderful world

Jack in the box, Jack in the box
Waiting, waiting, waiting
For someone to open the lid....POP!

Quickly, quickly, very quickly Runs the little mouse.
Quickly, quickly, very quickly All around the house.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly Crawls the garden snail.
Slowly, slowly, very slowly Along the wooden rail.

Little Peter plays the drum, listen as he plays the drum;
Rum, tum, rum, tum, rum, tum, tum.

Here we go round the mulberry bush
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush
Here we go round the mulberry bush
So early in the morning
This is the way we wash our face...

I have a little pony, his name is Macaroni
He trots and trots and then he stops
My funny little pony
Macaroooooooooooooni

Ride, ride, ride that pony
Get up, get up and ride that pony
Ride, ride, ride that pony
This is what they tell me
Side, side, side my pony...
Front, front, front my pony...
Back, back, back my pony...

Five little fingers on this hand; Five little fingers on that
A dear little nose; A mouth like a rose
Two little cheeks so fat; Two eyes, two ears, And ten little toes
We'll watch the baby every day to see how fast he grows!

This little cow eat grass, This little cow eats hay.
This little cow drinks water, This little cow runs away.
This little cow does nothing, But just lies down all day.
We'll chase her, we'll chase her, we'll chase her away.

Follow, follow, follow
Follow me
Let's make a line for all to see
Follow, follow, follow
Follow me
Let's make a line for all to see

Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you? Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you?
With a gobble, gobble, gobble, and a wobble, wobble, wobble,
Hello, Mr. Turkey, how are you?

Over the river and through the wood, to grandmother's house we go;
The horse knows the way to carry the sleigh,
Through the white and drifted snow, oh!
Over the river and through the wood, oh, how the wind does blow!
It stings the toes, and bites the nose, as over the ground we go.

Peek a boo, I see you
I see you hiding there
tra la la la
Peek a boo, I see you
I see you hiding there

Allee galloo galloo
Allee galloo gallee
Allee galloo galloo gallee...WHEEEEE!

Little Peter play on your drum, rum tum tum, rum tum tum
Little Peter play on your drum, rum tum tum

Here we go looby loo
Here we go looby light
Here we go looby loo
All on a Saturday night
You put your hands in
You put your hands out
You give your hands a shake shake shake
And turn yourselves about

It's raining, it's pouring
The old man is snoring
He bumped his head when he went to bed
And he couldn't get up in the morning

There was a man lived in the moon, lived in the moon, lived in the moon
There was a man lived in the moon, and his name was Aiken Drum
And he played upon a ladle, a ladle, a ladle
And he played upon a ladle, and his name was Aiken Drum
Verse 2: Hi hat was made of good cream cheese...
Verse 3: His coat was made of pizza pie...
Verse 4: His buttons were made of jelly beans