



Early Childhood Music and Movement School

**FAMILY MUSIC** for  
**BABIES** and **TODDLERS:**  
**Parent Education,**  
**Lyrics to Rhymes and Chants**

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**ALL** children are innately musical. Humans have an inborn ability to match pitch and move rhythmically. Research and experience indicate that the earlier the child is immersed in an active musical environment the earlier that child's musicality will be awakened. The learning opportunities across all facets of physical, cognitive, emotional and social development can then be maximised. Music improves overall development, reduces learning problems and enhances brain functioning.

**THROUGH MUSIC WE  
TOUCH THE WHOLE CHILD AND  
MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE  
CHILD, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.**

At Wee Make Music we believe that music in the early learning environment is neither entertainment nor a 'time filler' but an essential element of growth and well-being. Wee Make Music activities take inspiration from the Orff Schulwerk philosophy for early music education. Carl Orff (German composer & music educator 1895-1982) believed that children make music most effectively when the activities are natural and enjoyable to them eg singing, dancing, rhyming and playing instruments. Pitched and unpitched these instruments are bright, magical and energetic and perfectly suited to accompany and support young musicians. Above all they invite participation.

The WMM curriculum is based on simple short songs that relate to both a child's fantasy world and life experience. Children can achieve a sense of success through mastering them without special training. The learning process requires attentive listening, decision-making, concentration, cooperation and sensitivity to rhythm and tone, singing in tune and playing with others in musical time (tempo). Above all the songs are meant to be enjoyed and foster a lifelong love of music.

See below for lyrics to unaccompanied chants and rhymes.

Please watch [here](#) for how to obtain our classroom songs and other resources to have at home.

TICKLE RHYMES	MASSAGE RHYMES	BEAT ACTIVITES
<p><u>Pizza Pickle.</u>                      Pizza, Pickle, Pumpernickel                      My little girl/guy                      Shall have a tickle.                      One for her/his nose,                      One for her/his toes,                      And one for her/his belly                      Where the jellybeans go.</p>	<p><u>Wash the Dishes</u>                      Wash the Dishes.                      Wash the Dishes, Dry the Dishes.                      Ring the bell for tea.                      Ding!                      Three good wishes, Three good                      kisses                      I will give to thee.                      One....                      Two....                      Three....</p>	<p><u>Diddle Diddle Dumpling.</u>                      Diddle-diddle-dumpling, My                      son John.                      Went to town with his trousers                      on!                      One Shoe off,                      One Shoe on.                      Diddle-diddle-dumpling, My                      son John.</p>
<p><u>Criss Cross.</u>                      Criss, Cross, Apple Sauce;                      Spiders crawling up your back.                      Cool Breeze, Tight squeeze;                      And now you have the Shivers!</p>	<p><u>Five Little Kittens.</u>                      Five Little Kittens all black and                      white                      Sleeping soundly through the                      night.                      Meow, meow, meow, meow,                      meow.....</p>	<p><u>Tip Toe, Tip Toe.</u>                      Tip-toe, tip-toe, softly like a                      mouse.                      Tip-toe, tip-toe, all through the                      house.                      Marching, Marching Up and                      Down!                      Marching, Marching all                      through the town!                      Stretch.....(up),                      Stretch.....(down)                      Stretch.....(up),                      Stretch.....(down)                      Rolling, rolling side to side.                      Rolling, rolling, what a nice                      ride.</p>
<p><u>One Little Mosquito.</u>                      One Little Mosquito,                      One Little Mosquito,                      One Little Mosquito,                      Buzzing all around.                      BZZZZZZZZZZ</p>	<p><b>CHAIR GAMES</b></p>	<p><u>Peas Porridge Hot.</u>                      Peas Porridge Hot                      Peas Porridge Cold                      Peas Porridge in a pot - nine                      days old.                      Some like it hot,                      Some like it cold.                      Peas Porridge in a pot - nine                      days old.</p>
<p><u>Arabella Miller.</u>                      Little Arabella Miller,                      Found a Hairy Caterpillar.                      First it crawled upon her                      mother,                      Then it crawled upon her                      brother.                      Little Arabella Miller,                      Take away that Caterpillar!</p>	<p><u>Walter, Walter Wag-tail</u>                      Walter, Walter Wag-tail                      Sat upon a pole.                      He wagged his tail and wagged                      his tail,                      Till he fell down the hole!                      Whoa..... (down)                      Whao..... (Up</p>	
	<p><u>Goin' on a Bike Ride</u>                      Goin' on a Bike Ride                      Goin' on a bike ride</p>	

<p><u>Slowly Snail.</u> Slowly, Slowly, very Slowly, Goes the garden Snail. Slowly, Slowly, very Slowly Up the Garden Trail. Quickly, Quickly, Quickly, Runs the little mouse! Quickly, Quickly, Quickly, All around the house!</p>	<p>Who do you see? Baby's on a bike ride Baby's on a bike ride Riding with me.</p>	<p>Peas Porridge Cold</p>
<p><b>FLOOR GAMES</b></p>	<p><u>This is the Way the Ladies Ride:</u> This is the way the Ladies Ride Prim, Prim, Prim. This is the way the Gentlemen ride: Trim, Trim, Trim. This is the way the Hunters ride: A-Gallop, a-gallop, a-gallop, a- gallop. This is the way the farmers ride: Hobble-dee ho! Hobble-dee ho! Hobble-dee, hobble-dee, hobble- dee Ho!</p>	<p><u>Pitty Patty Polt.</u> Pitty Patty Polt, Shoe the wild Colt. Here a nail, there a nail. Pitty Patty Polt.</p>
<p><u>Tick Tock</u> Tick tock. Tick tock. I'm a little Cuckoo clock. Tick tock. Tick tock. Now I'm a chiming one o'clock. Cuckoo.... Repeat Tick, tock.... Now I'm a chiming two o'clock. Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Repeat Tick tock. Now I'm a chiming three o'clock. Cuckoo! Cuckoo! Cuckoo!</p>	<p><u>Rub Dub Dub</u> Rub Dub Dub Baby's in the tub Rub Dub Dub Baby's in the tub Ring him dry And hang him up high.</p>	<p><u>There's a Cobbler.</u> There's a cobbler down our street. Mending shoes for little feet. With a Bang, and-a-Bang, And-a-Bang! Bang! Bang! With a Bang, and-a-Bang, And-a-Bang! Bang! Bang! Mending shoes the whole day long. Mending shoes to make them strong. With a Bang, and-a-Bang, And-a-Bang! Bang! Bang! With a Bang, and-a-Bang, And-a-Bang! Bang! Bang!</p>
<p><u>Michael Finnigan</u> There was an old man named Michael Finnigan He had whiskers on his Chinnigan. The wind came up and blew them in again. Poor old Michael... Finnigan, begin again Finnigan, begin again Finnigan, begin again STOP! Whoa..... PLOP!</p>	<p><u>Diri, Diri, Domino</u> Diri, diri, domino Diri, diri, door Diri, diri, domino We are on the floor Diri, diri, domino Diri, diri, dump Diri, diri, domino Up we jump!</p>	
<p><u>Apple Tree</u> Way up high in the Apple tree.</p>	<p><u>Mother, Father and Uncle John</u> Mother, Father and Uncle John Went to town one by one. Mother fell off! And Father fell off! But Uncle John went on and on and on.....</p>	

<p>Two little Apples smiled at me. I shook that tree just as hard as I could.... And down came the apples, Mmm they were good!</p>	<p><u>Leg Over Leg</u> Leg over leg As the dog went to Dover. When he came to a stile, He went OVER.....</p>	
<p><u>Babies All Go Up and Down</u> Babies all go up and down. Up and down, Up and down. Babies all go up and down. And then they boogey on down. Babies all go side to side. Side to side, side to side. Babies all go side to side. And then they boogey on down. Babies all twist, twist, twist. Twist, twist, twist. Twist, twist, twist. Babies all go twist, twist, twist. And then they boogey on down. Babies all can wave Hello. Wave Hello wave Hello Babies all can wave Hello. And then they boogey on down.</p>	<p><u>Riding On A Pony</u> Riding on a pony, Riding on a pony Riding on a pony, here we go! Whoa.....Whoa.....Whoa.....</p>	
<p><u>Grand old Duke of York</u> The Grand old Duke of York He had Ten thousand men. He marched them up to the top of the hill. And he marched them down again. And when they were up, they were up. When they were down, they were down. When they were only halfway up, They were neither up nor down. He marched them to the left. He marched them to the right. He marched way up over the top, And back again at night.</p>		

***Beat, rhythm, melody, movement and language*** are the basic elements Wee Make Music curriculum. We apply these elements to make music come alive. As a child progresses through the program, favourite songs, stories and dances are revisited and extended, building upon what the child has already learned and enjoyed. Fundamental musical concepts are consolidated and practiced. Repetition and familiarity foster a sense of security, achievement and satisfaction while enjoyable for all.