



MUSIC NOTES

Music Pups® and The Benefits Of Mixed Age Classes



In Music Pups, our educational goals for parents and children are best served by mixed aged classes. Not only do mixed age classes provide children with a powerful learning environment, but they provide a uniquely rich social experience as well.

- Families with siblings have the opportunity to attend class together.
- Babies learn from observing older children, while physically interacting primarily with their parent or caregiver.
- Older children interact with their parents, but also with other children in the

room, creating a meaningful social context for the music.

- The age diversity in the class creates a non competitive, nurturing environment.
- Families are encouraged to interact with the music in ways that suit their physical ability and enjoyment. We don't expect everyone in class to do activities in the same way!

Sometimes parents of three year-olds ask me if their child is too old for class. My reply is that Music Pups is developmentally appropriate for three year-olds and that,

About TMC

Each local teaching center outside Atlanta, Philadelphia and Nashville is individually owned and operates under its own name. The Music Class Inc. is the company that produces the music and books you use in class, and provides training and support for your teacher. Local teachers can adapt our programs, but we all have the same goal in mind: working with parents and caregivers to enable each child to achieve his or her full musical potential.



*-Rob Sayer
Director, The Music Class Inc.*

musically, they continue to benefit tremendously. Even if your three year old does not appear to be engaged, rest assured, he/she is learning! If your child enjoys coming to class and enjoys doing the songs and activities from class at home (for which the answer is almost always "Yes"), then keep on coming!