



## When to Start Private Music Lessons?

When should my child start private piano lessons? When should we start violin or another instrument? It's one of the most common questions asked by parents of toddlers and preschoolers.

Unfortunately, for many families, the common reality is that children start private music lessons far too early! Too often is the case that a child starts at an early age only to quit a few short years later. Start when they are three only to quit when they are four or five. Start when they are four only to quit when they are five or six. Sound familiar? But start when children are a little older, after having participated in group music classes, and your child is more likely to have success and fun with their chosen instrument.

Group music classes teach beat, rhythm, phrasing, pitch matching and music concepts and vocabulary in a joyful active way. An older child of 7 or 8 years of age who has learned basic music skills from a group music program will quickly pass up a child who started private lessons at a young age with no previous music classes.

***Musik'n'Motion classes nurture the love of music inside of every child!***

The progress for the older child who had group music classes first (especially classes that have a music education curriculum, such as at **Priscilla's Musik'n'Motion**, not just a sing along) is fast and successful and these children tend to stay in music longer because they make good progress.

The progress of the young child starting private lessons as a first-time music experience can be very slow. Just as babies learn to understand language before they can speak and read it, young children need to learn to walk to a beat, echo sing pitches accurately, and have an understanding of basic musical concepts before starting to learn music reading and the specific skills of playing an instrument.

And what do we think is best for the young child? The comprehensive, sequential plan for the musical development of your child offered at **Priscilla's Musik'n'Motion** of course! Coupled with parents using the Family Materials we provide for use at your home, your child is encouraged to enjoy music and their interest is maintained! Together, we nurture the love of music inside your child!