

Song & Sprout Studios

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The goal of the Song & Sprout Classroom is to bring the music education system to the homeschool community. Any child enrolled in public or private school is receiving music education, almost always beginning by 1st grade if not earlier! Music is an incredibly important building block for children's cognitive development, and one that I have discovered can easily be skipped over for the homeschool family.

There are a few things I have become very sensitive to in the last few years

1. Demand - There is a rapidly growing number of families opting to homeschool their children in this crazy world.
2. Distortion - I have gathered from my private lessons that some of the methods being used to teach music these days are truly doing kids a disservice and not setting them up well to be musicians in the future.
3. Difficulty - Not all parents who homeschool are prepared to teach their kids the ins and outs of music theory. Even if they are musically inclined, they may struggle to know how to approach teaching this particular skill. It's not quite the same approach as we might use to teach math or reading, etc.
4. Deficiency - No one else is doing this! Unlike the vast enrollment options for other enrichment groups like sports or other art programs, a simple music education program isn't readily available except in the form of costly private lessons.

The beauty of homeschool is that you get to make learning work in the way that is best for you and your kids! And that is exactly why I am excited to jump in and join the club - because I have witnessed first hand that music is being taught in some bizarre ways in order to teach the masses and to get it done quickly. But I believe that kids are sponges and we are doing them a great disservice by not teaching them the correct foundational information right from the start. They don't need everything to be dumbed down as much as the world tries to say they do. I have seen this over and over and over again, and I will always stand by it. This is why my motto is "watch them grow!" because that is exactly what we are going to do! Whether in one-on-one lessons or in the classroom, at Song & Sprout Studios we are going to raise the standard for music education and watch kids grow into truly *knowledgeable* little musicians.

Welcome to the Studio!
Allison Orgeron

CLASSROOM OPTIONS 2025

A. Intro to Music Theory - Tuesdays @ 10:00am

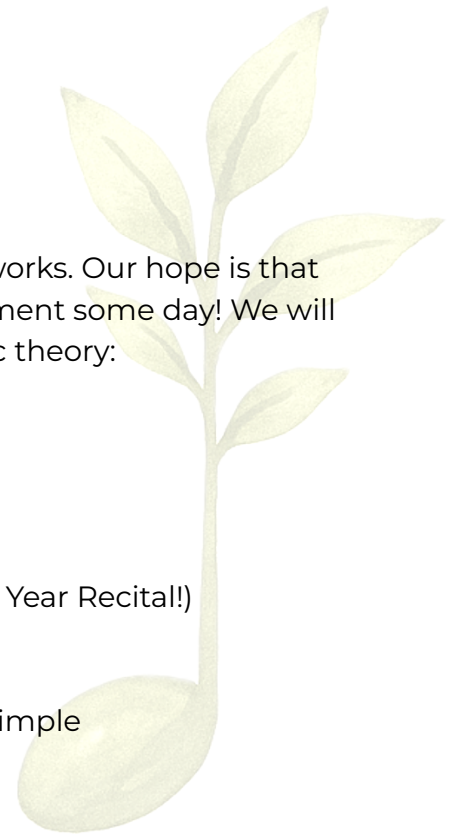
- a. For the student who wants to know how music works. Our hope is that this will lead to a desire to learn to play an instrument some day! We will learn these foundational building blocks of music theory:
 - i. Notes
 - ii. Rhythm
 - iii. Reading on a staff
 - iv. Types of Instruments
 - v. Intro to Piano
 - vi. Performance Etiquette (prepare for End of Year Recital!)
- b. Requirements
 - i. Ages 6+
 - ii. Must have basic reading and math skills (simple addition/subtraction)

B. Music Appreciation - Tuesdays at 11:30am

- a. For the student who isn't interested in learning to play an instrument. We will have loads of fun learning about the artform of music in general, not necessarily focusing on how exactly to play it. Who knows? Maybe this will spark an interest in learning more about how to play!
 - i. Types of Instruments
 - ii. Genres and Cultures
 - iii. Composers
- b. Requirements
 - i. Ages 5+
 - ii. Simple reading skills preferred

** After the first year, we look forward to offering Intermediate Music Theory (ages 8+, requires basic understanding of fractions), and Advanced Music Theory the following year!

At the end of the year, we will have a little recital for everyone! We will learn a rhythm song and a singing song or two for the Music Theory class to perform together. The Song & Sprout Studios private lesson students will perform in the recital as well, so they can all experience what it means to both attend *and* participate in a musical performance - an important part of Music Appreciation!



What we ask of you -

1. Room Parent - For safety and accountability purposes, we have a requirement to have 1 additional adult in the classroom with the instructor each week. You will find a "Room Parent" sign up on the Registration Form. If you are willing and able to assist with this group in a rotation with other parents, please indicate so on the form. We will have the rotation schedule prepared at Orientation, and we will have a brief training at the end of Orientation day for those parents who are able to assist. Many hands make light work, so your participation will be greatly appreciated by all!
2. Tuition - Various payment options are available so that every family can find an option that works best for them. You can find a detailed overview of tuition pricing and options on the Tuition & Policies page of this packet. Song & Sprout Classroom courses are all intended to be treated through the year as one continual course, not a monthly, optional class. The concepts taught throughout the year are cumulative, and all of them are important to building the foundation of understanding music!
3. Supplies - There is a registration fee of \$25 for all students (\$50 for late registrations). This fee covers classroom supplies, worksheets, a binder, binder dividers, and 2 pencils for each student. *There will be no need to purchase a book or workbook for our current curriculum.* Other supplies you may need to provide throughout the year for your student may include, but are not limited to: looseleaf paper, additional pencils (no pens allowed in music class!), highlighters, art supplies for take home projects, and additional personal art supplies if your student has trouble with respecting and caring for classroom supplies.

Opportunities to Contribute!

If you or someone you know would like to further support our Song & Sprout community and make a difference for more kids to grow in their knowledge of music, please consider the following opportunities:

1. Scholarship Fund - we hope to offer scholarship opportunities to those families in need of financial support to further their children's music education. Consider a donation of any size, or earmark your donation of a month or semester of tuition for a specific family to attend the Classroom!
2. Supplies - we have created an amazon wishlist of supplies needed for our Song & Sprout Classroom. Any contribution from this list will be incredibly helpful and greatly appreciated!
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