



2026 2027 – Musical Beginnings – Week 2

PARENT DISCOVERY GUIDE

SU 4:30, MN 4:30, TU 9, WD 9, TH 9, FR 9, ST 9

September 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Calendar

Classes Begin: September 13

No Classes: November 22 – 28

Sunday Only: Make-up Class 1: December 13, 2026 (for January 31 — when there is no class)

No Classes: December 14 – January 2

Important Links:

Parent Discovery Guides: <https://baldwinmusiceducationcenter.com/parent-discovery-guides>

Calendar: <https://baldwinmusiceducationcenter.com/current-calendar>

Absence/Flex Form: <https://baldwinmusiceducationcenter.com/current-student-resources>

Listening Lab: September Lullaby:

Rock-a-bye rock-a-bye
And don't you cry
Sweet baby girl/boy of mine.

Rock-a-bye rock-a-bye
And rest your head
And now it's time for bed

“Jupiter” from “The Planets” by Gustav Holst
(September 21, 1874 – May 25, 1934)

Reading Corner (provided in consultation with Pleasant Ridge Library Staff)

Board Book: On Powwow Day by Traci Sorell

Classics: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Eric Carle (listed together with The Very Hungry Caterpillar)

Picture Book: The Rabbit Listened by Cori Doerrfeld



Parent Must Read: The Happiest Baby on the Block — Harvey Karp, M.D.

Parenting Tips 🌱 by Telea Chenault



Growing Together

10 Weeks of Connection, Communication & Confidence

A 10-week journey toward more connection, communication, confidence, and calm in everyday parenting.

WEEK 2 — YOUR BABY HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

Learning to Notice Communication

Parent Tip

Long before babies say their first words, they're communicating constantly.

A smile, cry, squeal, reach, glance, gesture, or even turning away can communicate a need, feeling, or interest. When we learn to notice these early signals, we teach our babies that communication works:

"I communicate, and someone responds."



Why It Matters

Recognizing and responding to early communication creates the foundation for later language. Your baby's sounds and gestures aren't just cute—they're the beginning of conversation.

Try It This Week

Choose one behavior your baby uses to communicate. When you notice it, respond intentionally. If they reach for a toy, say, "You want the ball!" If they look toward the dog, say, "You see the dog!"

Coming Next Week...

Sometimes the best response isn't another word. Sometimes it's a pause.

🎵 Music at Home — Week 2: Find the Sound!

Make one gentle sound—a clap, tap, jingle, or hum—and pause. Watch your child turn, look, or listen. Then make the sound from a different spot and see if they can find it again!