



Kindermusik: Learning Through Music

Level 3: Out & About

Lesson Focus: Imagination

Many parents love to imagine their little ones all grown up. Will she be a doctor, teacher, CEO? Will he travel around the world, open up a restaurant, or work from home to stay with the children? Ask your child what the future holds and you may hear any number of ideas: M&M candy maker, firefighter-super hero, monster catcher, parent with 20 children (*whoa!*), or mermaid. In a child's imagination, anything is possible.

Each week in class, we create an environment that fosters your child's growing imagination. When we pretend to ride bicycles, go on a mountain hike, or play in the waves at the beach, your child's imagination (and gross-motor and social skills!) get a workout. During the pretend play activities, the social interaction is usually characterized by a heightened use of action and language. At home, where your child is most comfortable, the imaginative play can become even more complex as your child reexamines life experiences and adds to or changes what really happened.

Everyday connection: *Character Acting.* Encourage imagination and emerging literacy by pretending to be the characters from a favorite book. Let your child lead the way...even if it differs from the story's plot. You might even get your child to clean up (or eat vegetables!) while in character!