



# Play Along

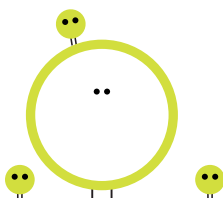
by Music Together



## Play Along at Your School

Since the 1980s, Music Together has been a pioneer in research-based early childhood music education. With Play Along by Music Together, you can raise the quality of a child's early education by touching many important factors all at once—school readiness, family engagement, and teacher professional development.

- **Award-winning music**, including songs representing a wide variety of tonalities, meters, musical styles, and cultures.
- **Teacher and classroom materials**, including CDs/downloads, activity-filled songbooks, lesson plans, online teaching video resources, and instruments.
- **Family materials**, including CDs/downloads, activity-filled songbooks, parent-education support, and online and mobile educational resources for parents.



- **Training, support, and professional development** opportunities for teachers, including written guides, workshops, and online training videos.
- **The tools to meet the 2015 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines** as teachers are educated in how to use music activities to support the child behaviors and instructional strategies outlined by the revised Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines.

See our website for more specifics on how Play Along by Music Together aligns with the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines and supports Texas Rising Star.

## Your Partner in Family Engagement

Play Along by Music Together is a powerful tool in helping schools to achieve and maintain high levels of family involvement. The program has been specifically designed to involve parents and create a strong home-school connection, supporting your family engagement plan. Using various, time-tested strategies, we can help you:

- **Support positive family practices**, through music activities that foster positive family attitudes toward education and family bonding

## Music: A Powerful Learning Tool

Participating in music activities engages children's natural learning cycle of play, discovery, repetition, and mastery. Play Along by Music Together fosters children's growth in many areas essential to success in school and life—including all ten of the domains specified in the *Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines* (updated 2015).

- **Social and emotional development:** self-concept, self-regulation, social awareness
- **Language and communication:** listening comprehension, speech production, vocabulary
- **Emergent literacy reading:** motivation to read, phonological awareness, print concepts
- **Emergent literacy writing:** vocabulary, fine motor skills, letter recognition
- **Mathematics:** counting, patterns, spatial awareness
- **Science:** physical science, life sciences
- **Social studies:** person characteristics, geography, cultural awareness
- **Fine arts:** music skills, dramatic expression, imagination and creativity
- **Physical development and health:** fine and gross motor skills, coordination
- **Technology:** device skills and motivation to try new things

- **Equip families with tools to enhance and extend learning**, with our award-winning family materials that go home with every child, a variety of print and video home communications, and online/mobile parent resources
- **Develop staff skills in evidence-based practices that support families in meeting their children's learning benchmarks**, with professional development opportunities for educators on family engagement strategies
- **Evaluate family engagement efforts and use evaluations for continuous improvement**, with a custom measurement tool developed by our research team

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## Music Bridges the Achievement Gap and Supports Family Engagement

Music Together® curricula have been successfully integrated into public schools across the country to comprehensively raise the quality of learning, both in class and at home. In Texas, Play Along by Music Together is currently offered in dozens of classrooms in the greater Houston area. Music Together also has a Mater Services Contract with HISD as a provider of supplemental curriculum materials.

Music Together has also been an integral part of two large-scale, federally- and state-funded projects designed to bridge the achievement gap for at-risk children in preschool classrooms. In both cases, music was shown to be a powerful learning tool supporting children’s school readiness skills.

“ This music curriculum has not only given the children a valuable musical education but also enhanced their cognitive, language, and physical learning. The CDs and songbooks that the families receive enhance and enrich the child’s educational experiences as well as the bonding between parent and child. Music Together keeps the families more involved. ”

**Enid Forster, Head Start Education Manager**  
Family Services of Westchester (NY)

### Music for the Very Young Trenton, New Jersey

Since 2000, Music Together has been a part of public pre-K classrooms in the Trenton, NJ, school system through the Music for the Very Young (MVY) program. To date, MVY has served more than 3000 children and their families.

In 2003, the Trenton Community Music School and Music Together partnered with the Education Resources Group on a three-year study of the impact of Music Together on preschool children’s school readiness and long-term literacy. Funded through the U.S. Department of Education: Arts in Education Innovation Grant, results showed that music-making does support the attributes young children need for school success. The study also reported that the Music Together program model helps bring families together through the inclusion of home materials that engage parents and caregivers.

### Action for Bridgeport Community Development (ABCD) Bridgeport, Connecticut

Music Together was a key component of an arts-based program serving vulnerable families with children from birth through third grade. Independent research showed that public and Head Start preschool children whose classes used the Music Together program made significantly greater gains in the cognitive, language, and physical development domains than students in classrooms that were not assigned to receive Music Together (*Michael Cohen Group, external evaluator, 2008*).

A new phase of research began in 2014 under ABCD’s Bridge Together initiative to explore Music Together’s impact on parent/caregiver involvement. Pilot results show that Music Together increases parents’ self-efficacy, awareness, and knowledge of school preparedness, and the positive use of music in young children’s learning (*Michael Cohen Group, external evaluator, 2016*).

“ Your service to the children and their families, teachers, and preschools in Trenton helps us imagine the promise of public education to respond to the needs of a complex and perpetually changing world. ”

**Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation**

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Music Together is making an impact:  
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The Play Along by Music Together curriculum for publicly funded prekindergarten programs includes a two-year rotation of content.

The **one-time curriculum fee** for each participating class includes all curriculum components for the first two years: training, educational resources, and materials for the classroom, teachers, children, and families to use at home.

After two years, a minimal annual per-class **curriculum renewal fee** provides additional materials for children and families and gives teachers and families continued access to our online content and teaching support.

	CLASS SIZE TIER			
	1-10 Children	11-15 Children	16-20 Children	21-25 Children
<b>Initial Two-Year Curriculum Fee*</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>	<b>\$1,685</b>	<b>\$1,885</b>	<b>\$2,085</b>
<b>Yearly Renewal Fee after Year 2*</b>	<b>\$225</b>	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$295</b>	<b>\$330</b>

*\*All fees are per class; shipping and handling not included. If you have more than 25 children per class, please call us for pricing.*

## What's Included in the Initial Curriculum Fee?

Our research-based curriculum includes all that you need to provide children, teachers, and families with a high quality and enjoyable learning experience.

### For each class:

- CD/mp3 downloads of two year-long collections with 25 songs each
- A collection-specific songbook for each child
- Egg shakers, rhythm sticks, scarves
- Our award-winning Singalong Storybooks

### For each family:

- CD/mp3 downloads of the 25 songs in the current song collection
- Activity-filled songbook
- Access to the Family Music Zone™ for additional at-home activities and educational content
- Schools receive family engagement videos to send to families
- Additional home activity communications

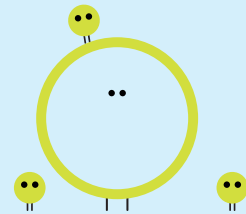
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## For the classroom teacher:

- Play Along by Music Together training (Continuing Education Units available)
- Collection-specific Teacher Guide
- Access to our Online Resource Center featuring teaching videos, song sample footage, adaptations for children with special needs and challenging behaviors, Spanish translations, and other teaching and implementation support
- Access to the Family Music Zone™
- Ease-of-implementation support from Music Together headquarters

### Our Collection-specific Teacher Guides Include:

- Song activity pages
- Song lyrics
- Lesson plans
- Guidance on using the music and movement activities to enhance the school's early learning curriculum and standards
- Guidance on using the music and movement activities to enhance daily classroom life, from transitions to classroom management
- Guidance on engaging families
- Full song notation



## Want More?

Ask about our extra services, support, and materials available to you for an additional fee.

- Connection with a local highly trained Music Together Music Specialist (*if available*) who can provide valuable in-person teaching, mentoring, professional development, and curriculum support
- Additional instrument packages for the classroom
- Support in assessing Music Together's impact on family engagement
- Support in assessing children's music development

Contact us to learn more about our curriculum:  
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