

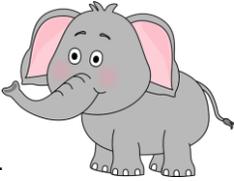


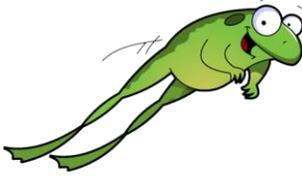
Dear Parents

I would like to welcome all our new parents to our wonderful Kindermusik family and I hope you will find our program both enriching and fun-filled as you will see a noticeable difference in your child emotionally, musically and mentally.



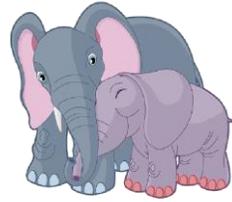
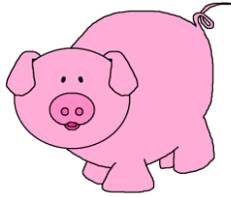
At the beginning of the year we did a theme called "Animals A-Dancing" where we met various animal friends who loved to sing special songs to us. We also read a beautiful story about a little frog who wanted to learn how to dance. Your child participated in:

- Expressive Movement –  pretended to be an elephant by stomping our feet, swinging our trunks and singing a lullaby. We also

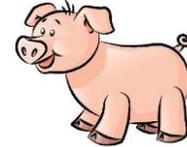
jumped, leapt like a frog  and walked around playing various instruments.

Large muscle movements, especially when accompanied by starts and stops, help children develop coordination and body control. Pretending they are elephants is also great for their imagination.

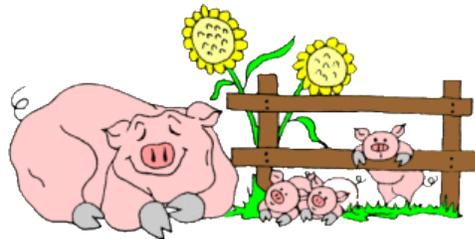
- Focused Listening – heard the sound of pigs grunting, an adult and a baby elephant trumpeting. We listened to the story called “Frog Went A-Dancing”, where a baby frog tries to find his own special dancing song.



Story time exposes children to new vocabulary and prepares them for reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed this story as it was beautifully illustrated and the vocabulary was easy to learn.



- Poems – we learnt two poems called “Frog Kiss” and “Roly Poly”. These two poems enabled the children to memorize and repeat the verses of each poem, which is excellent for improving and stimulating memory recall.



We also used movement to the poem “Roly Poly” in the form of rhythm sticks and lumi sticks. Pairing motions with words and sounds in a predictable and repeating order gives memory and sequencing a good workout, while also exercising small and large muscle groups. Plus, it’s also FUN!

- Instrumental Exploration – played various percussion instruments, while we experimented with rhythms, sounds and steady beats. We also enjoyed singing, which helps children develop expressiveness and confidence when speaking.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your child as we have explored this exciting theme together.

Yours in Music

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