

Class Expectations

Music with Mar. was created in 1993 when Maryann (Mar.) began teaching music classes to the parents in her playgroup. The program provides activities for adults and children to participate in together that aid in development. The program does not 'teach' music; but uses music to teach. Songs, written by Mar. Harman for the program, teach basic, social, motor, language and cognitive skills that are based on brain research.

Mar. has a BA in Music Ed and a Masters in Education with an emphasis in early childhood. She uses this knowledge base to create activities that are specifically designed with a brain research concept in mind. Each instructor is knowledgeable on the theories and practices and is happy to explain any part of the class. (The book, *And, That's Why Music's Important!*, contains much of this information as does the new dual-track DVD!)

The most important concern when working with children is safety. They cannot learn and parents cannot relax if they think they are in an unsafe environment. The instructor will comment if a child's behavior is potentially harmful to other children. Please be aware of the following guidelines:

1. Each parent should watch their own child's behavior. Children this age will not automatically walk in, sit down and participate. (Then again, some will).
2. The more the parent participates, the more the child will. ***The adult that is bringing the child MUST be able to participate.***
3. Leave toys, food and cell phones in car. Cell phones are a disruption to everyone, including your child.
4. Cell phones and keys are your tools and not toys. Playing with them can be harmful.
5. Keep talking to a minimum. When you talk, it is a behavior your child will imitate.
6. Lastly, we all have good and bad days, even children. You may get to class one day and your child may not want to be there. Give them a chance, but if they refuse to participate and want to leave, it is probably best to follow their lead. We'll miss you, but we want this to be a fun experience for everybody. Come back on a better day! We're all parents; we understand.

Class Costs

Classes = \$7.00 per class, per family, not per child! Visitors are expected to pay.
Class Card for 5 classes = \$30.00. There is a 2 month expiration date on card.
Weeks don't need to be consecutive but must be with the instructor it's purchased from.

Music with Mar. Birthday Parties

Have Mr. Froggy come to your home for your child's birthday party. You can contact your local MwM Instructor or go online to BirthdayParties.com.

Licensing Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to stay home with your child, use your skills and make some money? Music with Mar. may be the opportunity for you. Contact us to find out how you can become a part of Mr. Froggy's Family.
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Toddler Tidbit

Switch the thought to

"Getting them ready for Life" and not School.

I'm often asked if coming to Music with Mar. classes gets children ready for school. At first, I would say "Sure." Then, as I thought about it, I began to think of it a different way. If we get children ready for Life, they would be ready for school and anything else they need to be ready for.

It's not just the Language, Math and Science. It's the social skills. A child who can't look at Mr. Froggy, smile and say "Hi" isn't going to be able to walk up to someone and ask to be friends. Or, as an adult, have a successful interview or ask for a raise. Now, those are important skills.

Our education system teaches the book information needed for higher level learning. These are the skills we need to get by. These skills help us shop, balance a checkbook, know how to participate in government, read directions etc. Yet, so much has turned the focus on getting prepared for 'college' because college is seen as a symbol of success. (How many successful family members do you have that never went to college?) What about the person who cuts your hair? Fixes your car? A different type of intelligence, but intelligence. Not everyone is cut out for college.

Einstein said "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

Children will learn to add numbers, read and about why things work because they feel confident and because a seed was planted in early childhood. When we sing "Move. Then, Stay Still", children learn to control their bodies and that leads to being able to sit still in class, listen and work. When we tap out our words on sticks, their brains are learning syllables. Marching, beats in sets of 4 for fractions.

Each day, I post a brain fact that is useful to helping our children (and ourselves). Please, like the Facebook Page and participate in the dialogue. So much of what we can do to help our children get ready for life is just part of everyday life.



Who is Mar.?

Experience and Credentials

Maryann "Mar." Harman has a BA in Music, Level I Orff Certification and a Masters in Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood. Mar. has over **30 years of classroom experience** from early childhood through college and adult education. Along with producing 30+ recordings (one a Parent's Choice Award Winner and two other National Awards), Mar. maintains a classroom presence with a diversity of levels. She has been the keynote speaker for a number of state, national and international organizations and is frequently asked to conduct workshops and teacher trainings.



Philosophy

The philosophy of Music with Mar. is to involve the children and engage the parents and teachers in music activities which are educational and enjoyable. All music is brain research based. Children who get involved in well thought out music programs focused around play in the early years, develop the strongest foundation for future educational growth.

Participating in music should be stress-free, promoting good social growth and enhancing self-esteem. The focus is on the participation and not the level of performance. The music should reflect people from everywhere thus exposing the children to a wide variety at a young age making them more accepting of individuals. Lastly, it should instill in the child a desire to keep music a part of their lives forever.

Music with Mar. Downloads

Because so many parents want to purchase music, but don't want to buy 3 CDs to get all their favorites, we now offer download cards. You can purchase 11 songs for \$10, then make your own CD. Go to class, like Mr. Froggy on Facebook, and join Facebook Group. FREE download codes are given out often.

Join Music with Mar. Facebook Group / Sign up for Newsletter

Be kept up to date on all our latest news. For daily brain facts, go to Musicwithmar.com, click on the Facebook icon and like that link. For FL class news and to be alerted whenever there is something new or a change in a class schedule, click on Facebook Group. You can also post pictures from class or watch videos of your favorite songs! Most instructors have their own state pages.

Music with Mar. Products

Music with Mar. makes materials available for parents and children. Children respond best when the materials are familiar. Please consider these products to further enhance your child's development and class experience.



Wide-mouthed Bullfrog

Physical CDs = \$12 Downloads = \$10.99 **WMBF Book available for \$15**
Purchase download cards from you Instructor for \$10 and receive 11 songs!!!



Mr. Froggy = \$15



"And, That's Why Music's Important!"

Book comes with 4 CDs - \$55 w/DVD - \$65



"Personal Pack" includes Mr. Froggy Backpack, 2 kazoos, 2 bean bags, 1 set blue/ 1 set red sticks, 1 maraca, 1 MwM CD \$32.00
Add on 5 classes for an additional \$20

Be ready for class by having your own **Mr. Froggy Backpack!**

Tuning in Around the US

Midwest

We are excited to welcome Amy Wasmer who is opening her new class. Beat the Summer Heat and hop into a class.

Western NY

Check our Summer Schedule for closings and new openings.

Southeast

GA and NC are growing. We have some exciting new locations. Mar. is coming to NC in September. Concert anyone?

The Great Northwest

Saturday classes and classes with our seniors are in the works.

Florida

New classes in St. Pete, Orlando and S. Florida. And, a new class at Menorah Manor with the adult residents. Come have your child participate in class with seniors.

Visit us on the web: www.musicwithmar.com

Or call us at 727-781-4MAR