



Quarter Note  
1st Quarter  
2015

## 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. Children 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 = \$10.00 per class, per family, not per child! Visitors are expected to pay.

Class Card for 5 classes = \$35.00. (5 classes + Tshirt = \$40)

Mr. Froggy T shirts sold separately for \$10

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. Parties start at \$100 for 45 mins.

## 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. Find out how you can become a part of Mr. Froggy's Family. [info@musicwithmar.com](mailto:info@musicwithmar.com)

## New Year Note

hOppy New Year to everyone! I am so grateful to have you all be a part of Mr. Froggy's family. This past year has been a year of new learning experiences, all of which I have been putting into action through new songs and movement ideas.

Beginning this year, we are excited to begin offering another class opportunity for families - *Mr. Froggy's Fitness Fun*. In my research on the connection to music, movement and learning, I've become energized to want to share more ways parents - while having fun with their children - can keep theirs and their children's bodies and minds healthy. By attending fitness classes with your child, you will be putting in place the habit of working out and keeping healthy (as well as spending time together).

Doing all this through active learning (use of music, movement and props) will help the concepts be better learned because it will be fun and - most importantly - it will be with YOU!!

Another aspect that will be worked into *Mr. Froggy's Fitness Fun* are activities I co-wrote with an Occupational Therapist. Songs that help children calm themselves as well as learn how to focus their energy will be a part of the new class. Details will be coming soon via Facebook. Please stay tuned!

When you make your New Year's Resolutions, consider making one be to attend a Music with Mar. class with your child on a regular basis. The first five years go by so quickly. Trust me. There is never a day that goes by that I am not thankful for how I spent those first five years with Gioia, home with me - having fun and learning from her most important teacher, MOM.

I am looking forward to travelling and getting to meet some of you who are far away from me. If you have an organization that would like to bring me to your home town for a conference or concert, please contact your local instructor.

Once again, thank you and may the new year be filled with JOY!

Sing-cerely,  
Mar.



## 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 **35 years of classroom experience** from early childhood through college and adult education. Along with producing 35+ recordings (two Parents' Choice Award Winners 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.

### Mr. Froggy's App (\$ .99) & Spotify

Your children can have fun with Mr. Froggy now on your iPads, Apple products or androids. In this App, for ages 1 - 5, children practice their fine motor and eye hand coordination skills by dragging letters and numbers to where they belong, as well as blending colors. The last game challenges them to think fast and listen. (I get challenged on that one.)

**If you are on Spotify, look up Music with Mar. We are there, too!!**

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

Be kept up to date on all our latest news.

Daily brain facts, go to [Musicwithmar.com](http://Musicwithmar.com), click on the Facebook icon  
For class news and alerts, visit class listings.

Watch videos of your favorite songs by clicking on the YouTube icon  
Sign up for Newsletter at [musicwithmar.com](http://musicwithmar.com)

# 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. If you want a good CD to start with, we suggest the original - Music with Mar. It has Music with Mar., Mr. Froggy, Five Fingers, Tap Sticks, Bunny Foo Foo, Best Baby and Take Your Little Hands.



**Mr. Froggy's Ready for Class Package**  
Mr. Froggy Backpack, 2 kazoo's, 2 bean bags,  
1 set red sticks, 1 maraca, 1 MWM CD  
**\$34 SAVE \$7**



**Mr. Froggy - TOADally Awesome Ts - \$10**  
Get 5 classes + T Shirt for \$40

If you want to create a CD of your child's favorites ...

**Purchase download cards from you Instructor for \$10 and receive 11 songs!!!**

### **Tuning in Around the US - Visit each States individual page**

#### FL

Whew! We are growing in FL! New classes are hopping into Sarasota, suburbs of Orlando, Pasco and St. Pete.

#### Midwest

Miss Anna and Miss Debbie are making classes a 'must not miss'. Stay connected on Facebook and keep up with what's hOppenin'

#### Western NY

Mar. will be coming up soon for a concert and training. This is the best time of year for Western NY.

Southeast GA's classes are reopening. Mary is excited to get going.

#### Alaska

Mar. will be coming up to Kodiak April 11!!! Watch for details.

China - Baby Spectrum is expanding. Exciting!

**Would you like to join our family? Ask about licensing opportunities.**

**Like us on Facebook - Maryann Harman OR**

**Music with Mar., Inc. for Brain Facts**

**Visit us on the web: [www.musicwithmar.com](http://www.musicwithmar.com)**

**Or call us at 727-781-4MAR**