

The Story of **Music** November 2024



All children are musical! Every child is born with the aptitude and ability to express themselves musically. My goal as an early childhood music educator is to foster and support each child's musical development and a love and joy for music that will last a lifetime.

Basic Music Competence is the ability to sing in tune and hold a steady beat independently. Children can meet Basic Music Competence when supported through consistent music making before Kindergarten. At Brick, we are so lucky to have music be such an integral part of the curriculum. I use music to help support what the children are learning in their classes and vice versa! So the children are getting musical support through all aspects of their learning.

So far, the children have gotten to play with developmentally appropriate instruments like drums, shakers and rhythm sticks. We also have used props to show beat like scarves (which seem to be a crowd favorite, especially when tossing in the air)! Using developmentally appropriate instruments/props is important for them to learn how to keep a consistent beat and play around with rhythm while singing at the same time. We will get to explore more instruments/props as the year goes on and I'm excited to introduce bells and xylophones for us to use as Christmas time gets closer!

You might notice your kids singing some songs at home that they say are from music class. It seems some of the class favorites are "The Hello Song", "This Little Light of Mine", "Don Alfredo Baila", "One Little Owl" and "Little Johnny Brown". "Don Alfredo Baila" is a lot of fun and if you want to play it at home, you can find the recording I use on spotify and apple music by [Music Together](#).

Even in just 2 months, I am seeing music development in each class and from each student. I look forward to the musical growth each child will experience over the year and to see how they connect with themselves, classmates, and their teachers through music making.