



APPLETREE MUSIC CLASSES



“Music gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” PLATO

Exposing children to music at an early age impacts all aspects of a child’s development. A 2016 study at the University of Southern California’s Brain and Creativity Institute found that musical experiences in childhood can actually accelerate brain development, particularly in the areas of language acquisition and reading skills. Thus, the main objective is to align music lesson plans with Apple Tree’s curriculum to offer the utmost strong academic and enriching experience for all children. Music classes are tailored to each age level and consist of a wide variety of hands-on activities including singing, dancing, listening, problem-solving and playing on a large variety of different instruments such as harp, accordion, violin, cello, guitar, mandolin, drums and many other percussion instruments. Children songs are taught which reinforce educational and learning objectives while at the same time promotes a strong musical foundation in concepts such as melody, rhythm, form and musical texture while having a ton of fun doing it! Our hope is to inspire and instill a lifelong love of music and overall learning in an exciting, stimulating way.



ABOUT BONNIE GALLAGHER....

- * Began music training at age of 4; has studied violin, viola, cello, bass, piano, voice and guitar
- * Graduated Magna Cum Laude in five year degree program with a Major in Music Education and a Minor in Spanish from Loyola University, New Orleans
- * Over the past 17 years she has taught pre-school, elementary, middle and high school children in St. Lucia, West Indies, New Orleans, Oregon, North Carolina and Florida
- * Extensive traveling and cultural experiences world-wide including Spain, Europe, Cuba and Central America
- * Currently lives in Jensen Beach with her husband and daughter where she teaches in pre-schools and has a home music studio for violin, viola, cello and bass students

DISTINCTIONS/AWARDS.....

- * Nominated and Awarded the Oregon Music Teacher of the Year in 2007 for excellence in teaching
- * Nominated and Awarded the Oregon Crystal Apple Award in 2008 for dedication to service and excellence in teaching
- * Mentor and supervising teacher in the Salem-Keizer School District for new teachers
- * Multiple Superior Award distinctions for performing ensembles in festivals in Florida, California, Oregon and Canada

