Music And Your Child
Children start learning music when they are born. They listen, they watch, they experiment with sounds and movement, and eventually, they sing and chant and move rhythmically. The more music they hear and the richer the musical sounds they experience, the sooner and better they develop their own musical skills.

MSU Early Childhood Music
Early Childhood Music Education classes are based on the research of Edwin Gordon and follow the curriculum developed by Dr. Cynthia Crump Taggart, Professor and Chair of Music Education at MSU and Director of the Early Childhood Music Program at CMS. Class activities include singing and chanting, moving to music, playing assorted percussion instruments, and pattern instruction. The goal of the curriculum is to increase children’s music aptitude (potential to achieve in music) through engaging and entertaining musical activities, which will lay a foundation for lifelong music.

Children start as early as birth. The youngest respond to class activities with rapt attention as they soak up the musical sounds. Older children begin to explore with their voices and their bodies. As they progress, many students develop their musical skills so that they can echo tonal and rhythmic patterns accurately, sing in tune, and move exactly with the musical beat.

Schedule of Classes July 31 - Sept. 2, 2017

Infant classes (Birth–18 months)
- Monday .......... 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday ........ 10 a.m.
- Saturday .......... 9 a.m.

Toddler classes (18 months-3 years)
- Tuesday .......... 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday .......... 11 a.m.

Preschool classes (3–5 years)
- Monday .......... 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday .......... 11 a.m.
- Saturday .......... 10 a.m.

To enroll, please contact the MSU Community Music School at (517) 355-7661 or register online at www.cms.msu.edu

Early Childhood Music Classes expose children, ages birth–5 years, to a rich variety of musical sounds and playful activities. This early exposure lays the foundation for lifelong music appreciation and study. The mini session of parent/child classes are $84/student. MSU faculty and staff receive a 5 percent discount.