



BRAIN BUILDING IN PROGRESS

Resources for Early Learning

Family Connection Letter

Unit 4: Making Music Week 3: Moving to Music

Date _____

Dear Families,

During this last week of the “Making Music” unit, children will explore how music makes them feel. They’ll dance, paint, sing to music, and begin to make their own music.

We will read two books about families and music: *Kitchen Dance* by Maurie Manning and *My Family Plays Music* by Judy Cox. Both books are about families making music together. Children will be focusing on the letter “li,” the letter sound /i/, and the word *instrument*.

Please note: At the end of the week we will host a Music Day open house, for all families and friends to come and watch children demonstrate what they’ve learned about music and dance. Please mark your calendar and consider joining us!

Here are some activities you can do with your child at home:

- Share some music from your cultural traditions. Ask your child how it makes him or her want to move and feel—fast, slow, excited, peaceful?
- Fill identical glasses or jars with three different levels of water. Demonstrate how to gently tap the glass container. Listen to the sounds. Ask, *Which glass has the highest sound? Which glass has the lowest sound?* Have your child close his/her eyes and ask again as you hit the containers. Please use caution with the glass containers.
- Play “I Spy the Letter ‘li’” as you go about daily routines. Find the letter “li” on signs, in windows, on packages, etc.

Thank you,
