



# Come and Join Music Tots for our **Summer Classes**



**Music Tots** is heading off to the beach this summer to frolic in the sea! We'll be sailing our boats "on the Alley Alley Oh" and stopping quickly (trying not to get toppled by the "Wavy Seas"! We'll be splashing with our "Paddles on the Steamer" and "Rowing our Boats" trying not to scream when we see that nasty ol' crocodile. . . We'll be "clapping our hands and going on a journey" while identifying everyday sounds along the way. The older children will be fine tuning their rhythm skills considering things found at the beach, and climbing our notation ladder to new heights. At **Music Tots** we'll be dancing, swinging and swaying to music from Trinidad, South Africa and Columbia — and no trip to the water would be complete without hearing from the Beach Boys!



During the **Music Tots** Summer Semester we'll be singing lots of action songs which help with coordination, and counting down from 5 as those naughty ducks get lost while swimming. Luckily they are all found again and class can continue! Children learn such a lot through the medium of song especially when those songs are accompanied by actions. They will name familiar objects around the room, name body parts and also incorporate names of actions: they'll move "faster" and "slower", stretch "higher" and "lower" and respond to instructions such as "stop" and "go". Some of the songs will be traditional favorites such as "Wind Your Bobbin Up" and "Lions Are Afraid of Mice" which some of the children will already be familiar with. Other songs are those especially composed for the classes by Karen Dickinson.



The classes will maintain the familiar structure enjoyed by the children. This enables them to anticipate what is coming next and to feel secure in the **Music Tots** environment. Classes begin with a "hello song" and a section which is called "finding the voice". Children love to experiment with their voices and this section enables them to practice many of the vocal skills necessary for successful singing. We exercise our tongues, make sounds that raise the pitch of our voices higher and lower, practice forming consonants and vowels, and use our voices to imitate animal sounds. We shall also be meeting the puppets and learning their rhythmic names, exploring exciting percussion instruments and making new friends! The **Music Tots** curriculum is a progressive one and your child will learn skills that will lay the foundations for future learning.



Please note that our Summer Semester is only 6 weeks long compared to our normal 10 week semester – but we're planning on having just as much fun! The registration form and the schedule are enclosed. During the summer, siblings who are either too old or too young for the class can come along for free and join in the music making! Siblings who do qualify to participate in the class receive a 20% discount. Please feel free to pass this information to your friends. Don't forget that if you recommend a friend to **Music Tots**, you will receive a voucher for **ONE FREE CLASS** to be used in a subsequent semester. Please don't hesitate to contact us at [www.musiclots.com](http://www.musiclots.com) or call (703)266-4571 if you have any questions. See you at music class!