



Hi there. I'm Jessica, the CEO at [The Domestic Musician](#), host of the Learn Music Together podcast, and founder of the Learn Piano At Home and Learn Music with Mrs. Jessica courses. It's so nice to meet you!

My goal with every resource, podcast episode, or product I create is to help music teachers, just like you, go from feeling overwhelmed to confident in your teaching career.

This FREE resource was created just for you

As a homeschooling parent, bringing a well rounded education to your child is important to you. You want to bring music into your home, but maybe just aren't quite sure how to begin. It's overwhelming with so many resources available and other parent educators doing so many different things with their kids. So, how you choose to bring music into your homeschool, just like with every other subject, is completely up to you. You have a unique personality and teaching style that sets you apart from any other parent.

There are two ways to provide music education to your child. One is informally and the other is formally. Informal music will be simple ways you bring music into your every day lives. This is through stories, songs on the radio, movies and tv shows you watch, and dancing. Formal music is when your child is involved in a group music class or taking individual instrument lessons. Both ways are important and we'll explore both of those options in this starter guide.

Informal Music Ideas

1. Have your kids pick their 5 favorite songs they learned at school, and sing it with them while doing the motions.
2. Read a book and have the kids move to the words of the story they hear.
3. Sing along with their favorite song on the radio, then ask them questions about why they like the music and research the music artist.
4. Come and sing along with my “songs for preschool kids” and “songs for elementary kids” playlists on [YouTube](#).
5. Play some music and just let kids dance to it. You’ll love seeing their creativity come alive.
6. Play a song, stop the music and kids freeze, then start the music again.
 - Here’s a fun [Kids Sing-a-long](#) Spotify station
 - Kidz Bop has tons of stations [like this one](#)
7. Hand out scarves or socks and have kids pretend to paint high, low, side to side while listening to slow music.
8. Have them [watch a Kids Bop video](#) and learn the moves they are taught.
9. Do body percussion together: clap, stomp, pat your legs, march, snap, jump, pat your shoulders, or any other way to use your body to make music.
10. Have them do movement activities on:
 - [Go Noodle](#)
 - [Koo Koo Kangaroo](#)
 - [The Learning Station](#)
11. Pull out your plastic tupperware and hand your child a plastic spoon, play a song, and watch your child go to town hitting their “drum.”
12. Give the child two spoons and they can use them as “rhythm sticks.”
13. Put some rocks in a tupperware container, put the lid on it, and shake it like a “maraca”.
14. March around the room with your instruments and make a marching band.
15. Put rubberbands around a kleenex box to make a “guitar.”
16. Have kids watch musical shows like:
 - Little Einsteins
 - Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood
 - Imagination Movers
 - TarataBong!
 - The Backyardigans

Formal Music Ideas

1. Group music classes or ensembles including:
 - [Kindermusik](#)
 - [Musikgarten](#)
 - Band, choir, or orchestra
2. Private in person music lessons
 - Look for teachers in your area for any instrument your child wants to learn or even singing lessons.
3. Online music instruction
 - Having the capability to take lessons from your own home is something more and more families are opting for. There are so many amazing online music programs. Start with knowing what instrument your child is wanting to learn and then ask around or go to Google to search for that.
 - If your child is wanting to learn piano, [my course](#) offers a full online option.
 - Another great option is for your child to learn various songs and activities like they would in an in person music class. [This song bundle](#) teaches music in a variety of ways and to preschool through upper elementary students.
4. Music Appreciation
 - This includes having your child (especially if they're upper elementary through high school) learn about different styles of music, the composers, time periods, and learn about music through listening, writing, and exploring.

Songs from Around the World:

Europe:

[Frere' Jacques](#)

[Sieben Steps](#)

[Alouette](#)

[Himmel Und Erde](#)

[Sarasponda](#)

[Chumbara](#)

[Et tan Patate](#)

Asia:

[Se, Se, Se](#)

[Sasara](#)

[The Dragon Dance](#)

Native American:

Mos, Mos
Native American Stone Passing Game
Seneca Stomp Dance
Canoe Dance

Australia/Pacific Islands:

Kookaburra
Hoe Ana Te Vaka
Hukilau

Caribbean:

Tinga Layo
Biddy, Biddy
I Let Her Go
Hosanna Me Build a House
Mango Walk
4 White Horses

Spanish:

En La Feria de San Juan
La Bamba
Acitron

Africa:

Eh Soom Boo Kawayu
Ema Ma
Sorida
Tina Singu
Fungu Alafia
N'Kosi
Che Che Kole

America:

The Star Spangled Banner
My Country Tis of Thee
America the Beautiful
This is My Country

**When teaching your kids from America include a variety of nursery rhymes and folk songs with a mixture of activities too.*

Composer of the month and songs list

August-

Claude Debussy

"Claire de Lune"

Reverie

Nocturne Op. 9 No. 2

September-

George Gershwin

Rhapsody in Blue

Summertime

Lullaby for Strings

October-

Franz Liszt

Liebestraum

Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2

La Campanella

November-

Aaron Copland

Appalachian Spring

Fanfare for the Common Man

Rodeo

December-

Ludwig van Beethoven

Fur Elise

Ode to Joy

Moonlight Sonata

January-

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Eine kleine Nachtmusik

Requiem

Air

February-

George Frideric Handel

Hallelujah Chorus

Water Music: Air

Messiah-Overture

March-

Frederic Chopin

Chopin Fantasie-Impromptu op.66

Nocturne Op. 9 No. 1

Spring Waltz

April-

Sergei Rachmoninov

Prelude in G minor Op. 23 No. 5

Prelude in C# minor Op. 3 No. 2

Liebesleid

May-

Johannes Brahms

Hungarian Dance No. 5 in G minor

Cradle Song

Waltz No. 15 in Ab Op. 39