

## Rhythm—the key to the Palace of Music!

Toddlers at the age of 3 or 4 are naturally curious about new things and very motivated to learn. Many parents want to start early, so they eagerly push their toddlers to learn piano or violin, and most did not succeed. The practice time became the nightmare to both the parents and the children --- sometimes, the experience kills the lifelong interest to music for the child. In fact, toddlers at this age do not have the fine motor skills of their fingers to play piano or violin. Also, most music instruments require note reading. Music notes are actually composed of two dimensions, the rhythm and the pitch. It is hard for toddlers to understand both and play both correctly at this very young age.

Rhythm is relatively easier to understand and learn, and percussion instruments are great tools to learn rhythm, because they usually only require bigger muscle movement.

Our new class, the Little Drummer, is designed for younger children who are not ready for piano or violin. Basic rhythm theory is introduced and learned through playing percussion instruments and drum. With a solid foundation of rhythm, learning other instruments will be like a breeze!

### Class Date/Time:

### Saturdays/ 9:50-10:25 am (DM6)

9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6

(12 class meetings)



**Class size:** Maximum 8 kids, minimum 4 kids. **Parent participation REQUIRED.**

**Fees:** Level A, **\$235 per child**, including tuition \$210 and material fee \$25. Material fee includes one lesson book, one lesson CD, and one pair of children's maple drumsticks. Also, recommend to purchase children's practice drum pad, \$20 each, to practice at home.

**Registration:** Please visit Books and Me Library to register and pay. For more information regarding registration, please visit our website [www.booksandme.org](http://www.booksandme.org).

### Our Teacher:

**Mr. Andrew Tseng** has an MBA degree from Santa Clara University, and is currently a system engineer at a private school. Teacher Tseng is very interested in music starting from early age. He has learned violin, Jazz drum, guitar, keyboard, and MIDI composition. He taught Jazz drum in various places in Taiwan before coming to US, and some of his students become Jazz drum teachers. He is currently the drummer for his Church and a member of "e-Band" which performs in Bay Area's non-profit events. He has a lovely wife and two adorable young kids. In the Little Drummer class, Teacher Tseng will start from basic rhythm training, going slowly to make sure these young students understand and establish a solid foundation for future music learning.