



Dear friends,

I want you to take this in... how beautifully your children are flourishing!

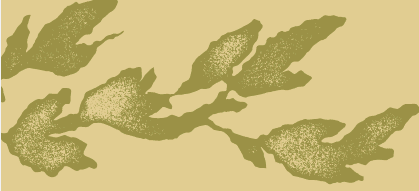
Because your family stays continuously enrolled in **tuneBugz!**, your child is afforded the time, consistency, and joyful repetition needed for musical learning to truly take root. With each and every new collection of music, they're building confidence, strengthening their natural musical abilities, and discovering new ways to express themselves through music and movement.

Your continued participation means your child gets to:

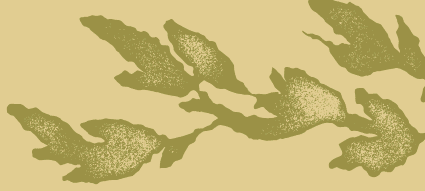
- Explore fresh song collections with new rhythms, meters, and tonalities.
- Strengthen audiation—the ability to hear and understand music internally.
- Grow socially, emotionally, physically, cognitively, and linguistically.
- Enjoy the comfort of a familiar musical routine, especially during times of change.
- Keep building a loving connection with you through playful music-making at home and in class.
- Flourish within a warm community where their creativity and unique musical voice are celebrated.

Every teacher at tuneBugz! bursts with joy inside when we get to witness musical skills unlock right before our eyes - **Ms. Amber, Arabella, Keerthi, and James** all have an absolute love of being part of your children's musical growth. It is a joy and a privilege to watch them become more confident, expressive, curious, and delightfully musical with each unique collection of music.

Thank you for being part of the **tuneBugz!** community—and for helping us make **Austin MORE musical, one beautiful musical moment at a time.**



*Sing on,
Ms. Amber*



Important Dates for Sept/Oct

Mark These Dates on Your Calendar!

Oct Tuition Draft Reminder	Oct 1 st (\$123 for 1 kiddo, \$148 for 2)
Music Together Collection	We are currently studying the Bongos collection of songs from Music Together. We will study Bongos until Nov 22nd. Next up: Bells Collection - for Winter season.
Holidays & Breaks	Oct 3/4, Oct 10/11 - It's ACL in the ATX! Saturday & Sunday classes at Casa de Luz are going to be impacted. Please look for individual communication (email and text alerts) about slides days and makeups. We have no other holidays or breaks in Oct! You are always welcome to take your own breaks/holidays and use the Online Makeup Scheduler to make up the class on another day/time.

Need the exact meeting dates for the next few months? Click your day/time on the [class schedule](#) or check your SCHEDULE tab in the [Parent Portal](#).



“Bongos” Highlights...

- **Beat and rhythm skills** — “Tricks with Sticks!” supports steady beat, rhythm patterning, and exploring different sounds.
- **Gross-motor movement** and coordination — “See How I’m Jumping” this song helps children practice balance, body awareness, and coordination.
- **Listening and imaginative play** — “Walking Through the Woods” invites children to listen closely, follow musical changes, and use imagination as they move through the a woodland scene.
- **Language, rhyme, and early literacy** — “Hey, Diddle, Diddle” takes a familiar rhyme and builds memory, repetition, rhyme awareness through playful storytelling.
- **Cultural awareness and group music-making** — “Funga Alafia” introduces children to music and cultural traditions from a West Africa.

Bongos Collection music download/access codes are always available in your [Parent Portal](#).

Strive for **20 minutes a day** of listening/playing from the **Music Together App!** (NOT SPOTIFY!) Just a little bit of musical playfulness everyday can dramatically accelerate the magic in class and your child’s musical growth!



Don’t forget!

Makeups & Bonus Classes are *included* in membership!

If you need to miss class for things like travel, illness, or just life... no worries! We want to make it easy for you to enjoy as many classes per month as you can get to.

- While actively enrolled, you can schedule [unlimited makeups](#) (space permitting).

How to schedule makeups/bonus classes: Use the [online makeup scheduler](#). For a bonus class, use the same scheduler and simply leave the missed class date blank.



Monthly Tuition & Auto-Enrollment Reminder



Tuition is billed monthly: \$123 for one/1st child and \$148 for 2 kiddos). This membership fee covers your membership for the month regardless of how many times your specific class meets. In Oct we meet for 5 weeks, in Nov we meet for 3 weeks due to Thanksgiving break. But you can

do a few makeups/bonus classes if you want!

NOTE: All families are automatically enrolled in the same class each new month until you A) Notify us that you want to change classes OR B) Give us at least 30 days notice in writing that you wish to DROP/PAUSE.



How Do I Pause or Drop?

PAUSE: If you'll be out for most of a month, a PAUSE can be a great fit. Please let us know at least 2 weeks ahead (30 days notice is BEST) that you want to PAUSE the upcoming month so you can go on vacay or take time off for other events/schedule things but you want to return to your seat in your fav class.

A pause is a full month (1st through the 30th/31st). No makeups can be done during the pause. You get to skip tuition payment, you take the month off, and you return to your saved spot on the 1st of the next month (and tuition resumes automatically).

Quick PAUSE notes:

- We only allow a **MAX of 2 pauses per calendar year.**
- Email director@tunebugz.com at least 2 weeks before the month you will be out (a month notice is preferred).
- Here are examples of how to PAUSE membership by planning ahead:
 - Notify by **Sept 15th** to PAUSE for month of **Oct.**
 - Notify by **Oct 15th** to PAUSE for month of **Nov.**
 - Notify by **Nov 15th** to PAUSE for month of **Dec**, and so on.
 - During your paused month - you CAN still do a paid drop in by snagging a single \$25 drop in (but you must use the [drop-in scheduler](#)) to do any music class while you are PAUSED.

DROP/CANCEL: To DROP you will need to give a FULL MONTH+ of **advance** notice to avoid tuition for your final 30 days. Your final month's tuition is **already paid** (you paid the deposit for your last month when you enrolled), so we need time to apply that credit to your last 30 days. Email your 30-day DROP notice to:
director@tunebugz.com.

Timing examples to think about if you are planning to DROP our class:

- Let us know by **Oct 1st** if your final month will be **Nov**.
- Let us know by **Nov 1st** if your final month will be **Dec**.
- Let us know by **Dec 1st** if your final month will be **Jan**.



Teachers & Schedule News

Welcome back to our **Arabella & Keerthi** and say hello to **James** - Ms. Amber's Fall apprentice teacher that will be taking over her **Wed & Sunday classes** on **Nov 1st**!

James Manzello is a creator, performer, teacher, and "guitar guy" originally from Brooklyn, New York. After working for many years as a professional actor and musician, and children's music artist in New York City, he has relocated to Austin to start a family and share his love of togetherness through creativity. James has been a lead teacher for several NY area early childhood music programs such as Little Maestros, Kidville's Rockin' Railroad, and Ramblin' Dan's Freewheelin' Band, and he is thrilled to continue to do this joyful and important work here at tuneBugz!

James completed his Music Together teacher training in Sept and will complete his apprenticeship with Ms Amber in Oct 2026. PLEASE snag a makeup with James if you can starting in Nov.

James holds a BA in Theater/English from Macaulay Honors College at Hunter College in Manhattan, NY.



Ms. Keerthi

Featuring her violin!



Saturdays:

10:00 am



Ms. Arabella

Featuring her
ukulele!



Tuesdays:

9:30 am & 10:30 am

Thursdays:

9:30 am & 10:30 am

Sundays:

9:30 am & 10:30 am



Mr. James

w/ Ms. Amber



Wednesdays:

9:30 am & 10:30 am

Sundays:

4:00 pm

See the most up to date schedules & locations [here](#)!

You can REQUEST a class change at ANY TIME but, please note we can only move you if there is room in the other classes and we are going to be SOLD OUT for the next few months. We will be adding class capacity (new days/times) with James starting in Dec! If you have specific day/time you wish we would offer - let Amber know!



Classroom Norms/Social Cues



Thanks for helping us keep our classes warm, music focused, and magical. A few simple reminders that make a HUGE difference for the kiddos (and for the music vibe we are building together!)...

Please leave phones, food tucked away/out of sight once you enter the classroom.

While you are in class, please try to stay in your ***SINGING VOICES*** as much as possible and save conversations with friends for before and/or after class. We want everyone to get to know each other **MUSICALLY** first but then go ahead and put yourself out there and ask a friend from class to stay for a little playdate after class or make a plan to meet up before class next week! Your child craves **your** attention during music class but, you want to make friends and build your squad too! Let's give your child that gift of your undivided attention for this precious time in class and then build long lasting friendships that continue on outside of class! Thank you for being such a loving, focused and committed community of music makers!

tuneBugz! has been making musical magic with this community for over **17 years** and we're so grateful for your dedication to **MUSIC LEARNING!**



FINALLY, AN IMPORTANT AND FUN NOTE...

Tis the season to play dress up! Please wear your costumes to class anytime you want but **ESPECIALLY** in OCT! **You do NOT** have to wait for



Halloween to play dress up!

Let's see ALL those adorable costumes ALL season long! Try to name something cuter than a music class full of Chicken Littles, princesses, dragons, and more.

With maximum silliness,

~ Ms. Amber (& the **tuneBugz!** team)



Have adorable pics or music moments to share with us, or just want to stay in the loop? Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @**tunebugz!**

For questions or schedule changes, you may reach out to **Amber** at **director@tunebugz.com** or text **512-632-6695**.

<https://www.tunebugzmt.com>