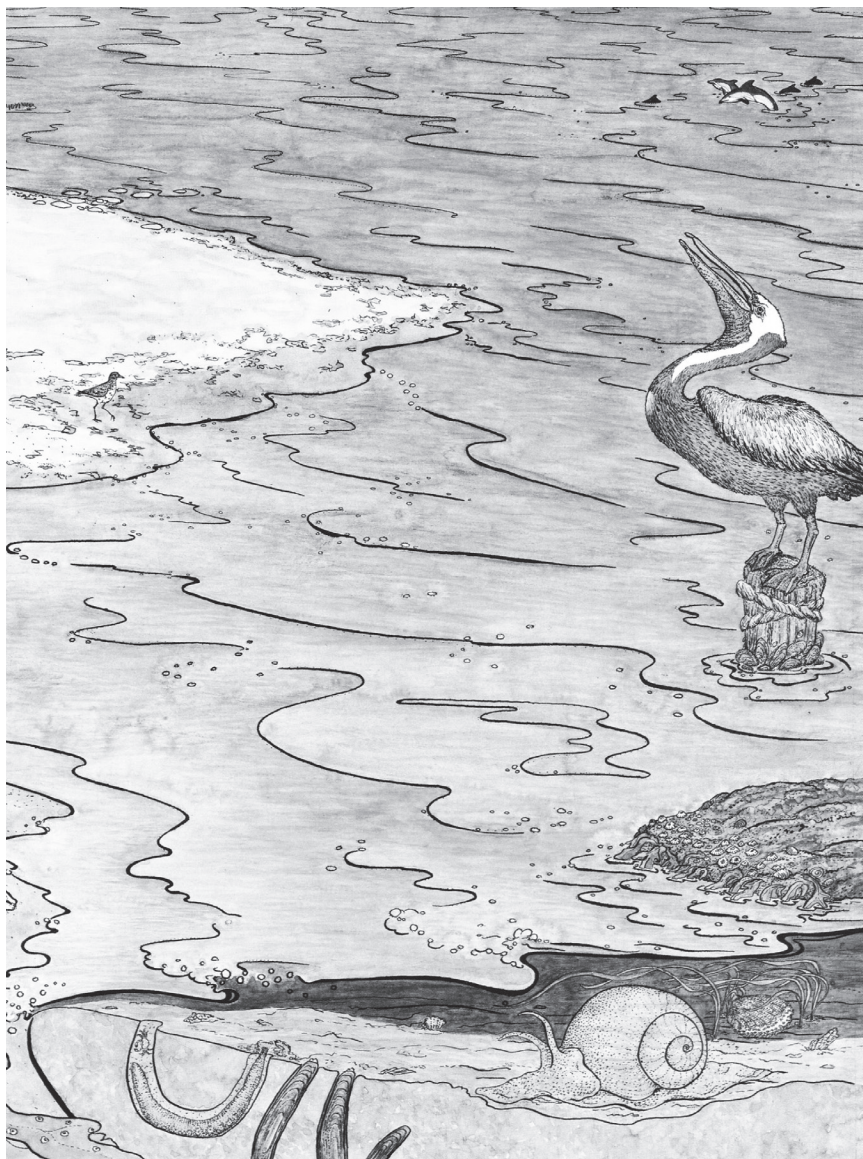


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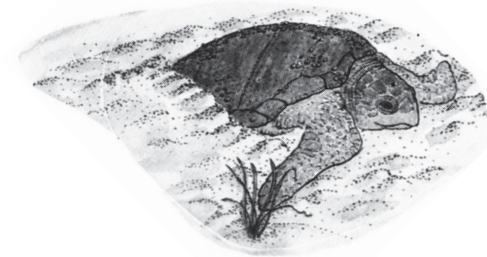
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Parent's Guide
to Activities

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Make music together often.

Become your **child's companion** in discovering the world of music. You will be given the opportunity to watch your child's love of music grow and to help his/her ability to make music blossom.



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Use these materials to “fill the air with music” in your daily life.

Your family packet consists of a CD, a picture of the featured instrumental ensemble *Flute, Viola and Harp*, a strip of six Game Pieces to use in conjunction with your folder/poster of the *Seashore*, and this *Parents' Guide to the Activities*.

The guide follows the activities as they are presented on the recording. Songs, poems, sounds, listening games and movement activities are included in the recording.

Listen – Move – Sing – Play – these are the four main activities in Musikgarten. We urge you to share these activities with your child to increase his/her participation in and enjoyment of the Musikgarten program. These ideas are a starting place on which to build your own games and explorations.

Children's most favorite activities include drawing and coloring. Always encourage your child to draw whatever captures his/her imagination and to add it to the *Seashore* collection.

Where the ocean meets the land is a magical place full of the wonders of the natural world. Waves and sand, shells and seaweed, seals and crabs are all topics for activities in exploring this environment. The children will also meet new experiences in stories about a loggerhead turtle, a pelican, and a hermit crab. After our explorations of the seashore as home place for so many fascinating creatures you and your child will enjoy your seashore visits even more.

Introduction to the Seashore Poster

The *Seashore* poster features familiar aspects of a natural landscape loved by children. Our illustration shows a sheltered bay with dolphins and a killer whale in the deeper water beyond. In the background is a house. A young boy who lives there frequents the beach and has an encounter with a curious harbor seal. We encourage you to go outside and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and touches which surround you. If you visit the seashore in the future, it will not be an unfamiliar place.

Along the seashore, the sand is constantly shifted by the wind, water, and wave action. The sand mounds into dunes; hardy beach plants and grasses help to stabilize them.

The seashore is both land and saltwater habitat, subject to tidal action. The changing tides reveal the endless wonders of an underground city where millions of tiny organisms live. These creatures feed the shore birds in their annual migration and are vital to their survival.

The sandy beach is littered with seaweed in which all manner of debris is enmeshed. Dead fish, bits of shells and shellfish, and abandoned razor clam shells and cockle shells are strewn about. The smell is distinctly fishy. One shell in the foreground is occupied by a hermit crab. When the crab moves, its shell home moves with it. Washed up on the shore with the debris, the hermit crab is vulnerable - a ring-billed gull is looking for anything edible. It strolls along searching under the strands of seaweed for crabs and worms.

The wood pilings and the adjacent rocks are encrusted with the shell homes of barnacles, periwinkles, and mussels. Running along the wet sand like wind-up toys is a flock of small birds called sandpipers. They probe in the retreating wave for tiny crabs which are left exposed. When they fly up, the whole flock moves as if it were a single bird, banking and turning to land further up the beach. A pair of pelicans finds a quiet resting place after a fishing foray.

Music Makers

1



Crick-ets in the thick-ets, Ka-ty-dids in trees; make mu-sic in the sum-mer
car-ried by the breeze. Frogs in bogs and peep-ers and
birds that live near-by fill the air with mu-sic.
So do you and I, and so do you and I.

Recording: Children's Choir, Flute, Guitar, Bass, Piano

American poet Aileen Fisher wrote this special verse for Musikgarten! Canadian song writer Beverly Glenn-Copeland wrote the melody and composer Howard Baer has created this joyous setting for our theme song. We invite you to improvise your own way of making music to this tune. Use any and all of the instruments which you have to fill the air with music.

The Seashore Poster

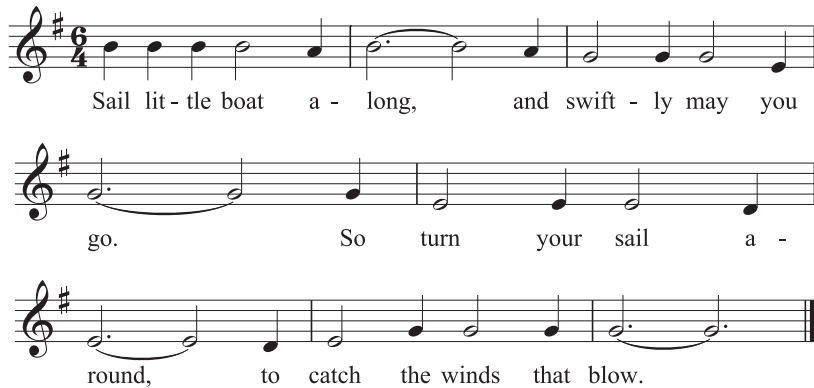
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Let's go exploring. Look at the seaweed and the abandoned sea shell homes. Notice the whale and the dolphins in the deep water. Look carefully at the Harbor Seal, Loggerhead Turtle, and Sandpipers Game Pieces. Find a place for them on your poster:

- The loggerhead turtle comes ashore at nighttime to lay her eggs in the sand dunes;
- Sandpipers, sometimes called teeter tails, chase the receding waves, probing the sand for crabs.
- The harbor seal comes close to shore just looking; sometimes it hauls out on the beach for a rest.

Boat Song

3



Sail lit-tle boat a - long, and swift - ly may you
go. So turn your sail a -
round, to catch the winds that blow.

- 2 Sail little boat to sea, And ride the gentle swell,
Bring the traveler home With many a tale to tell.

Recording: Children's Choir, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon

This lovely song has an ideal rocking tempo. Sit on the floor facing your child and holding hands. Rock back and forth or from side to side as you sing. Sing this song sometimes when you are playing with boats in a pool, or the bathtub.

Nature's Voices at the Seashore:

Ring-billed Gull, Whale, Pelican

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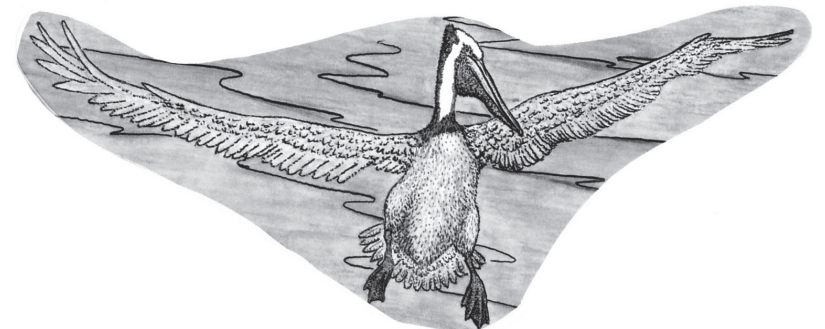


Listen to the voices: Can you imitate their sounds? Place the Pelican and Gull Game Pieces on your poster.

Ring-billed Gull. These birds are abundant and widespread, and are recognized by a black ring encircling the bill. They are commonly seen in bays, dumps, and plowed fields. They scavenge anything edible, although they do fish in flocks.

Whale (Orca). The whale makes its home in the ocean and lives its whole life cycle there. Air-breathing mammals like orca whales live in small pods and hunt in groups.

Brown Pelican. A bird with an impressive 84" wing spread, the brown pelican has a throat pouch that is used like a dip net to catch fish. It also dives from the air after prey. These birds nest in low-growing vegetation. The young feed by dipping into a parents' pouch.



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