

MUSIC CAN FACILITATE SUCCESS SKILLS

The research is clear. Music study gives children the skills they need to be successful in life. In Japan, where music education is recognized as a valuable tool and is as much a core subject as reading, math and science, those kids have the highest IQs in the world. Learning to play a musical instrument enhances coordination, concentration and memory, improves eyesight and hearing, teaches discipline, fosters self esteem, stimulates imagination and self expression and develops the motor system of the brain in way that cannot be done by any other activity. Michigan neurologist Harold Chugani recently found that children's brains are far more active and contain nearly as twice as many connections as adults. Unused connections are discarded by late teens, so early education in music and the arts actually influences the ultimate wiring of the brain. Three year old children given 6 months of piano or singing lessons showed more competence than other children their age in working intelligence-tests puzzle tasks. Researches suggest that lessons in music help train children to use the part of the brain responsible for non-verbal reasoning skills.

VOCABUALRIES:

Imagination: The formation of a mental image of something that is neither perceived as real nor present to the senses.

Concentration: The act or process of concentrating, especially the fixing of close, undivided attention

THINK AND TALK

1. How important is music to you?
 2. What is the effect of music to you?
 3. Do you agree that music really helps to develop the mind of the children?
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