

I am thrilled to join the Berry Patch team as the **Music Specialist**. Some of you may recognize me from the hallways at Berry Patch West. My daughter is a strawberry this year, and my son attended as well. I am a University of Iowa Alum with degrees in actuarial science and violin performance. Post graduation, I focused on my actuarial career. During the pandemic, I felt drawn back to music. I started teaching Music Together in the community. Teaching children is such a joy -- they are so musical. I hope to support their musical abilities through fun, musical play!

Music Together has been a pioneer in early childhood music education since the 1980s.

I attended classes with both my children and quickly became a believer in the program.

The program is based on 5 key points:

- Music supports all learning
- Children are inherently musical
- Children learn from adults
- Children learn through play
- Developmentally appropriate practice is key to music-learning

I am so excited to make Music Together with the berries this school year!

HEADS UP - your child will be bringing home a green 'Play Along' music booklet. This booklet includes the songs we'll explore this school year. **MOST importantly, inside the front cover includes your music access download code.** I suggest downloading the music first thing; before the booklet gets misplaced, lost, or covered in mud ;) Occasionally, I will send activity sheets home with the kids. These are completely optional, but serve as a fun way for your child to show you the music they are learning at school.

Warmly,

Kim Lund, Berry Patch Music Specialist