How can music be simply and authentically embedded in the life of a young child? Musical examples will be shared for each function below, as well as picture book and play suggestions. My ideas and reflections will likely remind you of a song you know, a book you have on your shelf, or a game your children love to play that could accomplish the same goal. Scribble all these ideas into the space provided so you will remember how brilliant you are when you get back to your classroom.

• Music and movement

• Music to support communication

• Music to structure and transition

• Music to soothe and alert

• Music embedded in family routines

Music as multi-sensory experience
“Extra Credit” information you can share with your staff or colleagues when you return to work, or present your own PD on the benefits of music for young children. Go, go, GO!

Why music is essential for growth and development of young children:

Neurological benefits of music:

Brain-based learning:

Extra-musical benefits of music for young children:

Musical characteristics of children:

FINAL EXAMINATION (pass or fail):
Fill in the blank. ____________________________ is good.

FYI: All songs shared in today’s presentation are available for purchase in the exhibits today only. I’m off to hear my son’s choir perform at the state music educator’s conference on Friday. 😊

Thank you for spending your morning with me. I hope you enjoy this wonderful conference!

Any questions or comments? (I also love MUSIC STORIES!)

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All best, Anne