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*About PALS: The PALS-(Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) Pre-K Assessment is a scientifically-based phonological awareness and literacy screening that measures preschoolers’ developing knowledge of important literacy fundamentals and offers guidance to teachers for tailoring instruction to children’s specific needs. The assessment reflects skills that are predictive of future reading success and measures name writing ability, upper-case and lower-case alphabet recognition, letter sound and beginning sound production, print and word awareness, rhyme awareness and nursery rhyme awareness.

**Results**

The results of the study show that students who received ABC Music & Me instruction showed **significantly larger gains** on the PALS test than did students who did not receive ABC Music & Me instruction. In fact, **ABC Music & Me students showed 32% more improvement on the PALS test than did control group students.** These results indicate that the ABC Music & Me program successfully boosts preschoolers’ language and literacy skills.

![Adjusted Pretest and Posttest PALS Scores](image)

*The treatment group gained 34.06 points on the PALS test between the pre- and post-tests, whereas the control group gained just 25.63 points. The difference of 8.23 points represents a 32% greater gain by the treatment group.*

**Conclusions**

Students who participated in ABC Music & Me showed significantly greater gains in language and literacy skills than students who did not receive ABC Music & Me instruction.

Teachers who used ABC Music & Me found the program to be effective in many areas. Both teachers and parents would strongly recommend the program to others.

“The most effective aspects of ABC Music & Me are that the children all participate and have fun doing the different activities each week. The lesson plan is easy to follow. The assessment forms from fall to spring show growth in many areas . . . . Overall I feel that ABC Music & Me has now become a daily part of my lesson plan, and I am looking forward to using the program next year.”

--- Preschool teacher who used ABC Music & Me during the 2012-2013 school year

“My son loves ABC Music & Me! I think this program is amazing for learning, listening and social skills.”

--- Parent of a child who used ABC Music & Me during the 2012-2013 school year

Teacher and parent feedback regarding ABC Music & Me was also collected through biweekly teacher surveys on curriculum usage, an end-of-year teacher survey, a classroom environment survey, and two parent surveys investigating families’ use of the ABC Music & Me Home Materials.

Results from teacher surveys indicate that preschool teachers found the ABC Music & Me curriculum to be effective in teaching a variety of skills, and would strongly recommend it to other preschool teachers, and that parents would recommend the program to other parents.