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The purposes of this research were to study the effects of music in folklore plays on motor fitness of preschool children. Subjects were 30 preschool children from Kaset Home Economics Kindergarden School, Department of Home Economics, Faculty of Agriculture,

Kasetsart University. They were selected by purposive sampling tecnique.

The instruments used in this research were: Kasetsart Motor Fitness Test for Preschool Children, Observation and Record of Music learning Behaviors in Folklore Plays, and 6 lesson plans on music in folklore plays on motor fitness of preschool children. Data were analyzed by using mean, standard deviation, and t-test.

Results of this research indicated that preschool children who engaged in music folklore plays had motor fitness posttest scores higher than pretest scores in all aspects.

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