

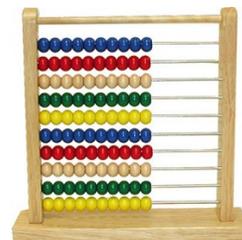
Studio Notes

Welcome to a *new and exciting* piano year!

I'd like to bid my new piano families a warm welcome and my returning families a sincere welcome back! I spent much of my summer break choosing recital music, concocting creative piano contests, and searching for music my students will enjoy playing. I'm looking forward to lots of progress and delightful performances by my students this year.

The year of the abacus

This year's theme is ***The Year of the Abacus***. Students will be given a small (5 rows, 10 beads per row) wooden abacus to track the number of practices they achieve each week on each of five assigned songs. **The goal is for each song to be practiced ten times.** **Not *played* ten times mindlessly, mind you, but *practiced* with specific goals in mind.** To that end, students may find abacus-themed post-it notes (with clearly defined goals stated on them) stuck to their music. Students will check the goals off as they feel they have achieved them. My students' weekly assignment sheets are similarly abacus-themed. I will expect each of my students to mark the weekly assignment sheet to match the number of practices indicated on their practice abacus and answer the questions on the log, as well.



First semester piano payments are due September 12-15

Families pay for piano lessons on either a semester or annual basis. To make budgeting for lessons easier for my piano families, I divide the total cost of lessons for the year into two equal payments. Cost for a 30-minute piano lesson is \$20. The total number of lessons for the year includes three 60-minute group lessons (in December, April and May). The first payment also includes the **\$50 per student annual fee** which covers the cost of hard copy music, music downloads, a subscription to the ***Piano Maestro*** app, the student's piano folder and contest prizes/practice incentives.

Dates to note:

- Piano lessons begin/piano payments due—**September 12-15**
- No piano lessons—**October 25, 26, 27, 31**
- No piano lessons—**November 8, 9, 10, 14**
- No piano lessons—**November 22, 23, 24**
- Group lessons—**December 12-15, 4:30-5:30 PM**
- Spring Recital—**Sunday, April 30**, at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West)

Absence policy

Just a reminder that my piano studio has a no make-up lesson policy. As stated in my studio policies:

- Your child's lesson time is reserved exclusively for your child. Furthermore, like gymnastics, dance or swimming, **the tuition you pay is based on enrollment, not attendance.** **Lessons you choose to miss will not be made up.** However, rather than skip a lesson due to a conflict, you may arrange for your child to swap lessons with another student. I do not give refunds or credits for missed lessons unless the missed lesson is a result of **my** absence. **In the event that your child's seasonal activity (practices, games, meets, etc.) changes to fall during your child's reserved piano lesson time, please understand that I am under no obligation to assist you in arranging a new piano lesson day/time for your child. That responsibility lies entirely with you.**
- When you register your children for piano lessons, you are **committing them to an entire year** of lessons **on the agreed upon day and at the agreed upon time.** I depend on the income I receive from piano lessons. **No refunds** will be given should your child drop piano mid-pay period.
- For obvious reasons, **kindly refrain from bringing your child to his/her piano lesson if he/she has missed school due to illness.** Thank you!

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No practice

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No progress