

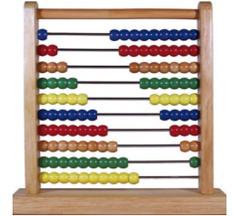
# Studio Notes

## Just Bead It! *How's It Going?*

We're five lessons into a new piano year! Has your child been able to establish a practice routine that allows ten practices per week per assigned piece? This IS my studio's weekly requirement. And, I've been **very** pleased with most students' efforts...and their honesty.

Things to be aware of:

- If your child arrives with an unsigned folder and no practices marked on the current practice sheet, the day's lesson becomes a "supervised practice session." Your child will play as many of the assigned pieces ten times as possible within the lesson timeframe. Those same pieces will be reassigned for the following week. This should allow your child some measure of success at the following week's lesson.
- I expect some weeks to be busier than others for my students so if your child usually meets the ten practices per week per piece practice goal but occasionally misses, no worries. If the norm is that your child can't quite ever meet the practice goal, perhaps it's time to revisit your child's schedule and create a practice routine that can actually be adhered to. Hint: eliminating screentime until piano practice has occurred has helped many parents and students achieve piano success.
- Red flags occur (*for me*) when a student has ten practices marked but can't seem to find the starting hand position, can't play their pieces without multiple note or rhythm issues, and can't remember which piece was assigned in a particular book.



**Piano lessons in a pandemic** (*Read my Studio Policies for details.*)

**Students who are exhibiting ANY cold symptoms (fever, runny nose, cough) OR have missed school on a piano day OR have a family member in quarantine SHOULD NOT attend in-person lessons. Please contact me to request a virtual lesson in these circumstances. Thanks for keeping me and my studio "bug"-free.**

## Fall piano recital — Sunday, November 21, 6 PM

Because last year's spring recital was cancelled due to COVID, my returning students put their pieces "on ice" and will play these same pieces at our fall recital. Students new to my studio received pieces to play at the beginning of this piano year. **Sunday, November 21, at 6 PM, students participating in my studio's Just for Fun recital will share their music talents at Oakwood Auditorium (West).** If your child is participating (you checked a box regarding your child's participation on the parent agreement you filled out at the beginning of the piano year), he/she IS working on a piece for the recital. Your child's assignment sheets also reflect his/her work on a RECITAL piece. If you're unsure of your child's recital participation status, email me. Friends and extended family are welcome to attend. Plan to wear face-coverings, if the mask mandate is still in place.

**Piano payments (semester only) will be due January 2022.**

**Dates to note:**

- October 25-28—NO piano lessons
- November 21—**PIANO RECITAL, 6 PM, Oakwood Auditorium**
- November 22-25—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)
- December 13-16—Final week of piano lessons in 2021
- January 10-13, 2022—Piano lessons resume/**semester piano payments due**

## Snow days/Sick days

Thanks to technology, cancelling piano lessons for inclement weather and illness is no longer necessary. Should a snow day be called, lessons can still take place as scheduled via the **Google Duo** app. If your child is absent from school due to quarantine or minor illness, lessons can still take place virtually. Email me ([karenhunterpiano@gmail.com](mailto:karenhunterpiano@gmail.com)) or text me (**608-354-1827**) if you'd like to make a temporary change to virtual lessons via **Google Duo**.

## Absence policy reminder

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.** I do not give refunds or credits for missed lessons unless the missed lesson is a result of **my** absence. When you register your children for piano lessons, you are **committing them to an entire year** (*September through May*) of lessons **on the agreed upon day and at the agreed upon time.** **No refunds** will be given should your child drop piano after the annual or semester payment has been made.