

# Studio Notes

## The “Year of the P’s” continues!

We’re already well into our second quarter of piano! The first quarter featured *pirates* in the form of stickers and eye patch prizes. Our second quarter features the lovable characters from **Peanuts™**. Students who arrive with all needed materials, theory assignment complete (in pencil), have both parent and student logs complete, and pass on **ALL** of their assigned songs (and perhaps even go above and beyond what was assigned) will be entered into a drawing for three Peanuts™ knock-off Lego sets or a set of movie tickets (the new *Mary Poppins* movie comes out December 18). The drawing will be held the final week of piano in December.



## Snow/Ice Day Reminder



With snow in the forecast for tonight into tomorrow, it’s a good time to remind piano families of my studio policy regarding snow days. My policy states: ***In the event that the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District cancels school, that day’s piano lessons will also be cancelled. Because my availability for private make-up lessons is limited, I will offer make-up lessons in a group setting only. If your child is unable to attend the scheduled group make-up lesson, the missed lesson***

***must be forfeited.*** Please note: The safety of my piano students and their families is always my highest priority. ***If roads become icy or snow is heavy in the afternoon or evening when your child should be coming for a piano lesson, use your discretion as to whether the roads (and my driveway/sidewalk) will be safe to navigate.*** My studio policy also states: In snowy or icy weather, I will make every effort to have a walkway cleared/salted for the piano students to use. However, keeping a path cleared may not be possible when it snows *during* lessons. In those instances, have your child wear boots and have him/her walk up or down in the snow ***next to*** the driveway to eliminate a fall on the driveway. Thanks!

## How’s The Practice Matrix working for you?

Have you helped your child create a practice habit? Is your child sticking with it on his/her own or with your encouragement? If so, your child is, no doubt, making excellent progress in piano! If not, it would benefit your child to try again (with winter sports/activities in mind) to find a specific time of day to practice five days per week. Help your child create a practice habit—and *help him/her stick with it*—and you’ll see the most “bang” for your piano “buck.”

	Daily practice	Not much or NO practice
Parental support	Fastest possible progress	Slow progress
Not much or NO parental support	Reasonable progress (unusual)	No progress

## Piano payments due at first piano lesson in January 2019

Families who chose the semester payment plan—please note that the second piano tuition payment is due at your child’s **first** piano lesson in 2019. Billing statements will be emailed to you in December. Thanks in advance for your prompt payment!

## Dates to note:

- **November 20-22**—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 10-13**—Final week of piano in 2018
- **December 17-January 2**—NO piano lessons (Christmas break)
- **January 3/7/8/9**—Piano lessons resume/piano payments due
- **January 21 & 22**—No piano lessons
- **February 7 & 11**—No piano lessons
- **March 18-28**—No piano lessons (Spring Break)
- **April 1-4**—Group lessons (recital rehearsals) **4:30-5:30 PM**
- **Sunday, April 7, 2019**, Spring Recital at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West)

## 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. 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 after the annual or semester payment has been made.