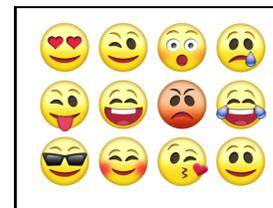


Studio Notes

Welcome!

A warm welcome to my new piano families and a sincere welcome back to my returning piano families! My studio theme for the 2019-2020 piano year is **“Feelin’ the Music.”** Students will pay extra attention to the artistry with which they play their pieces—trying to convey through their music the feelings the composers intended when they wrote their pieces. Emojis will figure prominently this year and it’s bound to be an “emotional” spring recital. Looking forward to a fun-filled year of music *with moods!*



How did Mrs. Hunter spend her summer “vacation”?

In addition to teaching private lessons at my home studio and taking a wonderful 35th wedding anniversary sailing trip to the British Virgin Islands, I spent much of my summer break choosing music options for the spring recital, attended a workshop for piano teachers hosted by Heid Music, created piano contests for the upcoming year, made and laminated music games/activities, and searched for music that fits the **“Feelin’ the Music”** theme.

Piano payments (semester or annual) due September 5, 9-11

When you registered online for piano lessons, you chose to pay either by the semester or by the year. If paying by the semester, 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 remains **\$24**. There are 27 lessons this piano year. **The first payment also includes a \$60 per student annual fee.** I use the fees I collect to pay for music I order for your child, pay shipping costs for the music I order, offset subscription costs for studio tools like **Piano Maestro** and **Sprout Beat**, and cover expenses like recital hall rental and piano maintenance.

Piano Maestro App

I use a portion of the fees I collect to purchase an annual studio subscription for the **Piano Maestro** app. This app is then made available to all of the students I teach. However, the app can only be accessed by using an iPad or iPhone. My students using the **Piano Pronto** method books can practice their weekly assignments using the app. Although the Faber method books are not available on the app, students in the Faber method DO have access to pop, classical, sacred, and holiday songs via the app. When you register your child for lessons in my studio, you will receive an invitation to access the **Piano Maestro** app (e-invite will come from **JoyTunes**). When you accept the invitation, your child will have access to the fun of **Piano Maestro**. Every Sunday I receive an update from **Piano Maestro** letting me know which student in my studio gained **Star Student** status for the week. The student who has used **Piano Maestro** most often (and with the most success—as determined by the good folks at **JoyTunes**) receives a prize from me. Students who regularly use the app tend to have excellent rhythm and note-reading skills. It’s been a real hit in my studio. Give it a try!

Dates to note:

- **September 5, 9-11—First week of piano lessons/piano payments due**
- **September 30—No piano lessons (Mrs. Hunter will be out of town)**
- **October 24—No piano lessons (Teachers’ Conference)**
- **November 26-28—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)**
- **December 9-12—GROUP piano lessons (you’ll be invited to sign up for the group lesson that works best for you)**
- **January 27-30, 2020—Piano lessons resume/piano payments due**
- **Sunday, April 26, 2020, 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 rests 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.