

# Studio Notes

## Welcome!

Welcome to my home piano studio! We've got a fun year ahead with the theme "*I Spy...*"



## The Mission

All of my students (elementary, middle, and high school) will begin this piano year by attempting to “crack the practice code.” The initial mission is to **practice piano for 30 consecutive days**. After 30 days of making daily time to practice, a practice habit should be developing. The goal is to make your child an independent, faithful practicer. Once this first challenge has been met, students will move on to other practice challenges and will begin to practice according to the **Weekly Practice Schedule** (attached) that they've created with a parent's help. The **Weekly Practice Schedule** encourages students to make time **five days per week** to practice piano. The minutes per day your child should practice varies by age and level of ability.

Students in Grades K-8 will use the attached **30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge** sheet for the first 30 days of piano practice. Please note that students don't need to practice each assigned piece every day for the initial 30 days. I'm aware that some weekdays and weekends are busier than others, so I've included some easy practice days and even some days “practice” can take place away from the piano (think **family travel days**).

High school students will also attempt to practice for 30 days in a row. They'll receive a sheet on which to mark their consecutive practice days.

If your child misses a practice day, the mission has failed. Encourage your child to try again with a new challenge sheet and a renewed determination to meet the 30-day challenge.

## Spring piano recital — April 23, 4 PM

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 4 PM, students participating in my studio's "*I Spy...*" recital will share their music talents at Oakwood Auditorium (West). If your child is participating (there is a box to check regarding your child's recital participation on the **Parent/Student Agreement**), he/she will begin working on a piece for the recital.

## Piano payments

Piano payments (annual and semester) are due at your child's first piano lesson in September.

### Dates to note:

- **September 13-15—First week of piano lessons**
- **October 4-6—NO piano lessons**
- **October 26-27—NO piano lessons**
- **November 22-24—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)**
- **December 13-15—Final week of piano lessons in 2022**

## 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.