

# Studio Notes

## Congrats, Gumshoes!

Congratulations to the students who have completed their first mission of the year—**30 Consecutive Days of Practice!** That's \*quite\* an accomplishment. A few parents reached out to let me know that beginning the year with this mission was "brilliant." If nothing else, I believe that it began to make my **students** feel more accountable for their daily practice. If your child has yet to complete the mission, thanks for encouraging him/her to stick with it. I also appreciate the honesty I've seen in marking the contest sheets. One student told me, "My conscience wouldn't allow me to take a prize for completing the mission when I knew I hadn't." <3



## Mission #2

Our second mission of the year acknowledges students who achieve GREEN status for their lessons. Remember, lessons earning GREEN stickers are GREAT lessons. Student has remembered all of his/her books (and piano folder), arrives well prepared, piano folder is marked correctly by parent (cover) and student (bottom of current assignment sheet), and any theory assigned is complete. Students earning green stickers will be entered into a contest to win the board game "I Spy." Drawing will take place after the final week of lessons in December. All students who are entered in the drawing will receive a small prize.

## 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 was 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 (semester plan) are due at your child's first piano lesson in January.

## Dates to note:

- **November 22-24**—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 13-15**—**Final week of piano lessons in 2022**
- **January 10-12**—Lessons resume in 2023! Semester 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 Meet** 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 Meet**.

## 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.

Note-able Quotable

*Music is a piece of art that goes into the ears, then straight to the heart.*