

Studio Notes

Carry on, Gumshoes!

My students continue their journey through this year with the fun and music of espionage. The second mission saw many students adding a ticket to the ticket jar for GREAT lessons. The winning ticket was drawn and **Teddy Culver** took the *I Spy* game home.



Mission #3

Our third mission of the piano year will encourage students on the path to learning their recital pieces. Most of my participating students are already well along in the process of getting their pieces learned. They will continue to hone their pieces until they are performance-ready. My youngest students are early in the learning process or may still need to be assigned a piece. The steps to getting pieces recital-ready are in writing. Students will check off the steps they've achieved and will receive a prize once their recital piece is ready to perform (the final step).

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 or has begun working on a piece for the recital. Contact me if you have questions about your child's recital "status" or if you have changed your mind about your child's participation.

Piano payment reminder

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

Dates to note:

- **January 10-12**—Lessons resume in 2023! Semester payments due.
- **February 21** — NO piano lessons
- **March 14-16** — NO piano lessons (Mrs. Hunter's spring break)
- **March 28-30** — NO piano lessons (MCPASD spring break)
- **April 4-6** — NO piano lessons (Holy Week)
- **April 23** — Piano recital at Oakwood at 4 PM
- **May 9-11** — Final week of piano lessons

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) 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

The music is not in the notes, but in the SILENCE in between.

—Mozart