



# Studio Notes

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## How Mrs. Hunter spent her summer "break"

### Note-able Quotable

**You  
play  
the way  
you  
practice.**

#### Dates to note:

- \* **September 5**—Piano lessons begin
- \* **September 26**—NO piano lessons
- \* **October 24**—NO piano lessons
- \* **November 21**—NO piano lessons
- \* **December 10**—Piano recital
- \* **December 12**—Final week of piano in 2017 (Christmas group lesson)

Dear Piano Families,  
Thank you so much for allowing me the privilege of teaching your child the **JOY** of playing the piano! It is my hope that every activity your child experiences in my studio helps your child "catch" my enthusiasm for the piano. For that reason, I spend much of my summer (and a fair amount of cash) purchasing music, apps, and games which I feel may enhance your child's piano journey.

This summer's "finds" include: the card game **Note Speed** (which quickly became a studio

favorite), a new version of the **Keyboard Race**, and the game **Over the Edge** which reviews the names of notes and their values.

I attended a workshop for piano teachers at **Heid Music** presented by **Wynn-Anne Rossi**, the composer featured at my recent Latin music recital. I won a door prize (**WOOT!**) and enjoyed a great conversation with Ms. Rossi.

I purchased lots of great new music for my students, but my favorite

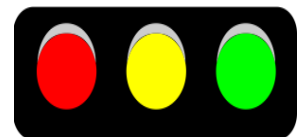


**Note Speed**—the new favorite game in my studio!

is the music of **Daniel McFarlane**. I've long heard that his music resonates with male students, especially, and now I see why. You'll know his music when you hear it! Listen for the crazy beat!

We've got a fun year ahead! Enjoy the journey!

## 2017-2018 theme: *It's a Journey!*



You'll soon notice that **stoplights** figure prominently in the theme for the coming piano year. Parents will indicate their child's level of preparedness for each lesson by marking a red, yellow or

green light on the parent log on the front of your child's piano folder. Students will color a stoplight for each assigned song to indicate the level of preparedness to play

that song.

Themes make for a fun piano year. So, the search continues for all things *stoplight*-related. If you spot something with a stoplight theme, please let me know!