

Studio Notes

The “Year of the P’s” continues!

We’re already well into our second quarter of piano! The first quarter featured *pirates* in the form of stickers and eye patch prizes. Our second quarter features the lovable characters from **Peanuts™**. Students who arrive with all needed materials, theory assignment complete (in pencil), have both parent and student logs complete, and pass on **ALL** of their assigned songs (and perhaps even go above and beyond what was assigned) will be entered into a drawing for three Peanuts™ *knock-off* Lego sets or a set of movie tickets (the new *Mary Poppins* movie comes out December 18). The drawing will be held the final week of piano in December.



PRACTICE MATRIX	Daily practice	Not much or NO practice
Parental support	Fastest possible progress	Slow progress
Not much or NO parental support	Reasonable progress (unusual)	No progress

How’s The Practice Matrix working for you?

Have you helped your child create a practice habit? Is your child sticking with it on his/her own or with your encouragement? If so, your child is, no doubt, making excellent progress in piano! If not, it would benefit your child to try again (with winter sports/activities in mind) to find a specific time of day to practice five days per week. Help your child create a practice habit—and *help him/her stick with it*—and you’ll see the most “bang” for your piano “buck.”

Dates to note:

Please make a note of these dates on your calendars now, so they don’t catch you by surprise later!

- **November 20**—No piano lessons (Thanksgiving break)
- **December 9**—**Christmas Piano Recital**
- **December 11**—Final piano lesson in 2018
- **December 18-January 1**—NO piano lessons (Christmas break)
- **January 8**—Piano lessons resume
- **January 22**—No piano lessons (MAP testing)
- **March 19**—No piano lessons (Spring Break)
- **April 4**—**Spring piano recital**
- **April 6**—Fine Arts Fair at Lakeside Lutheran High School
- **April 16**—Final piano lesson of the semester
- **April 23**—No piano lessons (MAP testing)
- **April 30**—Make-up lessons

Absence policy reminder

Regardless of how many times your child is absent for a piano lesson in 2018-2019, he/she will receive just **one make-up lesson**. Make-up lessons take place on April 30.

The **PRIORITY** and **PREFERENCE**
you give **music** in your home speaks **volumes**.