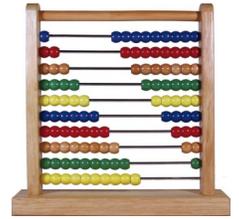


# Quarter Notes

## Just Bead It! *How's It Going?*

We're almost through the first quarter of this piano year! Has your child been able to establish a practice routine that allows ten practices per week per assigned piece? This IS my weekly requirement. I've been **very** pleased with most students' efforts...and their honesty. Things to be aware of:

- If your child arrives with an unsigned folder and no practices marked on the current practice sheet, the day's lesson becomes a "supervised practice session." Your child will play as many of the assigned pieces ten times as possible within the lesson timeframe. Those same pieces will be reassigned for the following week. This should allow your child some measure of success at the following week's lesson.
- I expect some weeks to be busier than others for my students so if your child usually meets the ten practices per week per piece practice goal but occasionally misses, no worries. If the norm is that your child **can't quite ever** meet the practice goal, perhaps it's time to revisit your child's schedule and create a practice routine that can actually be adhered to. Hint: eliminating screentime until piano practice has occurred has helped many parents and students achieve piano success.
- Red flags occur (*for me*) when a student has ten practices marked but can't seem to find the starting hand position, can't play the piece without multiple note or rhythm issues, or can't remember which piece was assigned in a particular book.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences and Piano Lessons

Classroom teachers received a statement from me regarding your child's progress in piano lessons. That statement should have been conveyed to you at your child's parent/teacher conference held on October 13. If you did not receive such a statement from your child's classroom teacher, please let me know and I'll forward the comment to you. Check your child's WCS report card **soon** for his/her first quarter piano grade.

## Spring piano recital — *Just for Fun!*

Plans remain in place for a secular spring piano recital on **Saturday, March 26, 2022, 10:30 AM, at Oakwood Village Auditorium on Mineral Point Road**. All students in our WCS piano program are expected to participate in this recital. Work has begun on students' **Just for Fun!** spring recital pieces.

## 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**.

## Piano lessons in a pandemic

- Westside Christian School piano lessons take place in-person unless quarantine is required. Lessons then revert to virtual via **Google Duo**.
- Should a safer-at-home order again be issued, ALL piano lessons will automatically revert to virtual lessons.
- Students commit to a full school year of piano lessons whether they are virtual or in-person. There are NO refunds.
- Frequent hand sanitizing (students and teacher) and piano key-sanitizing takes place.
- Students and teacher will wear face masks in the piano room. Students' face masks must be in place upon arrival and stay in place throughout the lesson and departure.

## Dates to note—

- **October 27-28**—NO piano lessons
- **November 24-25**—NO piano lessons *Thanksgiving break*
- **December 8-9**—Final week of piano in 2021
- **January 12-13, 2022**—Piano lessons resume
- **Saturday, March 26, Spring Recital** at Oakwood Village Auditorium (West)

## Absence policy

A **Flex Week** is scheduled at the end of the second semester to make up **ONE** lesson a student may have missed due to illness, family emergency, snow day, school assembly, or field trip. **No credit will be given if more than one lesson per year is missed.**