

# Studio Notes

## Welcome!

Welcome to a new piano year at **Karen Hunter Piano Studio!** We've got an art-inspired (*and fun!*) year ahead with the theme "**Music is ART!**"

## 30 Days of Consecutive Practice Challenge

Because this challenge was unbelievably popular **and beneficial** the last **two** years, my students will, once again, start the year by attempting to practice piano for 30 consecutive days. After 30 days of making daily time to practice, a practice habit should be developing. **The goal is to make your child an independent, faithful practitioner.** Once this first challenge has been met, students will begin to practice according to the **Weekly Practice Schedule** they'll create with a parent's help. The **Weekly Practice Schedule** encourages students to make time five days per week to practice piano. The minutes per day your child should practice varies by age and level of ability. I place more emphasis on the **quality** of the practice session rather than on the **quantity** of the practice session.

**My students will receive their 30 Days contest sheet at their first piano lesson.** You'll notice that your child doesn't necessarily need to practice each assigned piece every day for the initial 30 days. Because I'm aware that some weekdays and weekends are busier than others for my piano families and that you likely may have made plans to travel away from home and from your piano, I've included some easy practice days and even some days "practice" can take place away from the piano. If your child misses a practice day, however, the challenge has failed. Encourage your child to try again with a new challenge sheet and a renewed determination to meet the 30-day challenge. Prizes will be awarded to students who complete the challenge and return the completed contest sheet.

## Spring piano recital — \*March 16, 2025, 4 PM\* **Mark this date on your calendar!**

On **Sunday, March 16, 2025, at 4:00 PM**, students participating in my studio's **Music is ART!** recital will share their music talents at Oakwood Auditorium (West). If your child is participating, he/she should indicate that he/she is participating on the **Parent/Student Agreement**. A completed **Parent/Student Agreement** should be sent with your child to his/her first fall piano lesson. Participating students will begin working on their art-themed recital pieces right away.

## Dates to note:

- **September 10-12** — Piano lessons begin/piano payments due
- **October 22-24** — NO piano lessons
- **October 31** — NO piano lessons (Halloween)



## Sick days/snow days

Thanks to technology, cancelling piano lessons for illness and inclement weather is no longer necessary. Should a snow day be called, lessons can still take place as scheduled via **Google Meet** or **FaceTime**. If your child is absent from school due to quarantine or minor illness, lessons can still take place virtually. Email me or text me (**608-354-1827**) if you'd like to make a temporary change to virtual lessons via **Google Meet** or **FaceTime**.

## 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

**Joy, sorrow, tears, lamentation, laughter—  
to all these music gives voice.**