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Piano Studio Policy Statement

To Students and Parents: Please review the items below and contact me with any questions.

FEES

1. Lesson Fees: Scheduled private lesson rates are:
 Half hour \$25
 Forty-five minutes \$40
2. Lesson Fees are paid at the beginning of each month.
3. Music Purchases: All music books will be supplied and will be payable at the beginning of the next month.
4. Annual Registration Fee: An annual fee of \$35 per student will be billed with a limit of \$90 per family. This fee covers other materials such as worksheets, assignment books, recitals and additional music provided for the student throughout the year.

SCHEDULING

1. Weekly attendance is expected of all students. 24 hour notice is required for rescheduling a lesson. Refunds will not be given for last minute cancellations or "no-shows." Last minute cancellations will be accepted only in cases of emergencies, including illness.
2. Make-up times will be offered as schedule permits. Scheduling a make-up is the student's responsibility. In the event an excused absence cannot be made up during the month, a lesson credit will be given the next month.
3. HOLIDAYS - Please share your school calendars so we can schedule around holidays.

LESSON TIME

1. Please be prompt! A late arrival means less time available for instruction.
2. There may be times when I can spend a few extra minutes with your child (at no extra charge.) Please let me know when students MUST leave a lesson on time.
3. If coming to my home, please come in the side door quietly and have a seat in the kitchen. If coming to the church, please wait outside the choir room door until your scheduled time.
4. Bring all materials (books, assignment books, theory, etc.)
5. Keep your fingernails trimmed! Hand washing is encouraged! ☺
6. Be prepared. Make practicing a part of the daily routine. The positive effects will be evident in weekly progress.



HOME PRACTICE:

1. Practice Time: Work with your child to set up a daily, uninterrupted practice time to establish a routine. The study of music is rewarding and enjoyable, but it takes work!
2. Several shorter practice times a day may fit your child's busy schedule rather than one long practice time. Keep a daily record of your practice times. Remember that quantity does not always produce quality! Work toward musical goals rather than simply counting minutes.
3. Pianos: All students should have an acoustical piano with 88 keys. If you have a digital piano it should have a "grand piano" setting with weighted keys, sustain pedal, proper music support and a seat.
4. Piano Maintenance: Keep your piano tuned. Music is sound, and it is the ear we rely on to tell us if something is correct. An un-tuned piano hinders proper building of tonal awareness. Pianos should be tuned every 6-8 months.
5. Metronomes: A metronome is a very good practice aid and helps develop a proper understanding of control, consistency and velocity. Students should have a metronome before they have completed their third year of study.
6. Read your assignment sheets. I will use the sheets to pass along comments and parents are encouraged to do the same.

PERFORMANCES: Performance is a necessary and vital part of learning to play any instrument. Take advantage of any opportunity to play for others, whether in school, church or with family. We will have special times during the year to play for each other, and "low-key" recitals to play for parents and friends.

PROGRESS CONCERNS:

1. Tell me if you have any concerns regarding lessons. Communication is the key to a successful teacher/student relationship. Before or after your child's lesson I am likely to be busy so please email me or call at another time so we can discuss any concerns.
2. To enjoy playing piano for a lifetime, sight reading skills are essential. We will do a little memorization, but the majority of the lessons will focus on learning the skills necessary to be able to pick up a piece of music and play for enjoyment.
3. Everyone learns at a different rate. Each individual is unique in his or her approach to learning the piano. Be patient. Practice regularly. Progress will happen!

Questions? Please ask!

