

november music notes

Happy start to the busy holiday season! With all of the new activities that are starting and school breaks that will be coming up, please make sure your student remembers to bring their binder, lesson book, and any additional music to their lessons. This month, I will be assigning supplemental work for students to complete along with their regular practice. This will consist of some technical exercises and theory practice to assist with their music reading. It's important that this does not take the place of their regular practice. While students are practicing, it's important that they're not just memorizing their music; they need to be reading the notes on the page. Thank you for encouraging your student to find some time in their day to dedicate to playing the piano. It'll make a huge difference in their musical journey!

Practice trackers for this month will be for November and December combined; instead of tracking days practiced, students can color one box for each 15 minutes of practice.

This month, we will be choosing pieces for our December virtual mini-recital. As always, in an effort to demonstrate respect and inclusivity towards everyone's diverse religious beliefs, students will help select a song or two of their choice, regardless of their association with a specific holiday. If your student has a specific song they'd like to play, you or they should let me know so I can begin the search for a level-appropriate arrangement. We will be recording these pieces on December 11th and 12th, so if you know that your student has a conflict one of those dates, let me know well in advance so we can record their performance the week before.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or schedule conflicts - a text to my cell phone usually receives the quickest response. 641-226-3886. Invoices for September and October will be sent later this week.

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Complete one set of technical exercises.

Students who complete this challenge receive a LEVEL TWO prize from the cart! If you need a new set, let me know.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

Ludwig van Beethoven

Did you know... Beethoven's exact birthday is unknown? Historians estimate he was born on December 16 or 17 in 1770, but it's not certain.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 21 **NO LESSONS**

Nov. 27 **NO LESSONS**

Dec. 11-12 **RECORD VIRTUAL RECITAL DURING LESSONS**

Dec. 25 **NO LESSONS**

Dec. 26 **NO LESSONS**

Jan. 1 **NO LESSONS**

Jan. 2 **NO LESSONS**

SPOTLIGHT STUDENT: EVIE BUCKENTIN

Evie is a fifth grader at Park Elementary. She participates in a lot of different activities, including dance and band as a percussionist! Evie is quite a jokester, and every lesson is a ton of fun! She especially loves to learn jazz, rock and roll, and Disney tunes. You can check out her student interview beginning November 17th on the studio YouTube channel or on the studio's Facebook and Instagram pages.



Be sure to follow for student performances and additional updates!

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