

october music notes



I hope this finds you off to a great start settling down into the school year and ready for the cooler temperatures! I'm enjoying having students back and am looking forward to making some great music this year.

With the busyness that the school year can bring, it's come to my attention that a lot of students haven't been practicing as much as they should. I completely understand that they're extremely busy with their schedules, but I do want to remind everyone how crucial practice is for their progress. There is only so much we can accomplish in a lesson if it's not being supplemented with practice at home. 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. During lessons, we work on note identification, both on the staff and the piano, but students really need to continue that work during their practice. In November, I will be assigning supplemental work for students to complete each week in addition to their physical piano practice to help with this endeavor. 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!

Soon, we will begin 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.

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. It's great to see all your students again, and I can't wait to see what the year brings!

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

Complete your composer of the month cards.

This month, to receive a prize, complete all of your composer of the month cards. If you're new to piano lessons, grab two composer cards at your next lesson.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

Complete Your Cards!

Take a moment to complete any unfinished composer cards you have. There will be a new composer in Nov.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 16 **NO LESSONS**

Oct. 17 **NO LESSONS**

Oct. 31 **NO LESSONS**

Nov. 21 **NO LESSONS**

Nov. 27 **NO LESSONS**

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

SPOTLIGHT STUDENT: ADALYN FEUERBORN

Adalyn is a fifth grader and has been taking piano lessons for around three years. She is always willing to try new things and especially loves to play classical and Disney music! Adalyn is a hard worker and comes to lesson with a smile on her face, ready to tackle the next musical challenge. You can check out her student interview now 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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