

Key Players Studio Lesson Notes

Lessons: Private piano and guitar lessons are offered on a weekly basis in 30-minute sessions. Small group lessons are also offered on a weekly basis in 45-minute sessions. Group lesson weeks take the place of both private and small group lessons a few times each year and are announced in advance. These group weeks allow for creative learning, group interaction, and a sense of community in our studio.

Missed Lessons: If you are unable to attend your lesson, please let us know by phone, text, or email. While it may be possible to reschedule a lesson, our schedule is quite full. It may not be possible to reschedule the lesson. There are no refunds for missed lessons. You may be able to switch times with another student. If a lesson swap is arranged, please contact us so we know of the change. Lessons missed due to inclement weather will be rescheduled only if there is time in that week's schedule. If we are required to cancel a lesson for personal reasons other than illness, a refund will be sent to you.

Studio Closure Dates: There are no lessons during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring break (dates announced after Festival), and one week during the summer (dates announced at the beginning of summer lessons). There are no lessons on Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Lesson Materials: All lesson materials will be purchased by the studio. Payment for the lesson books is the responsibility of the student and is due at the following lesson.

Waiting Area Courtesy: Directly outside of the lesson rooms we have a waiting area. If you arrive a few minutes early for your lesson, please remain in the waiting area until it is time for your lesson to begin. Please be prompt in picking up your student at the end of their lesson. If there are unique circumstances that require you to drop off your student more than a few minutes early or you will be late to pick them up, please speak to your instructor ahead of time. If your student is ill, please keep them home.

Recitals: Throughout the year we share our successes with family and friends during studio recitals. Our studio presents three recitals each year: Halloween, Christmas, and Spring. Exact

dates, times, and location are posted in advance. Weather permitting, we also hold a summer pops concert outdoors featuring music performed on keyboards and synthesizers. Recitals are encouraged, but not required.

IFMC Festival: Our studio is a member of the Illinois Federation of Music Clubs. The IFMC Festival is held each year in late February/early March at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield. While this event is not a competition, points are awarded for ratings based solely on individual performance. Points are accumulated toward Gold Cup trophies which are presented at our annual Spring Recital. Students may participate in piano solo, piano concerto, hymn playing, and music theory events. Participation is not required, however we have found over the years that Festival participation helps students reach a yearly goal of advancement and provides positive feedback. It helps us become better musicians!

Tuition: Payment for lessons is made on a tuition basis and is the same each month regardless of the number of lessons taken. Tuition is due at the first lesson of each month. Monthly tuition covers not only the student's weekly private or group lesson, but also lesson preparation and planning, researching and purchasing materials, recitals, and Festival preparation.

Parent Participation: Parents are encouraged to participate in the musical experience of their child by supporting a regular practice schedule. As with learning any new skill, lessons will benefit the students much more and make studying more enjoyable if a practice schedule is created and exercised. Parents are encouraged to attend lessons whenever they are able to do so.

Communication: A monthly newsletter will be emailed to each family containing information about activities happening in our studio. "Piano Notes" are delivered during the month when extra communication is necessary. Extra copies of both can be found in the newsletter basket at the top of the "Studio Store." We will also post these on the home page in the "What's New at the Studio" info box. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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