

Signature Music

Piano Lessons

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**“Learning to play a musical instrument helps students develop faster physically, emotionally and socially.” Music Educators National Conference
Give your child the gift of music and help them grow to their fullest potential!**

Lessons:

Lessons will be one 30 minute session each week on your assigned day and time. Students should enter the house as quietly as possible (please do not knock or ring the doorbell) and have a seat in the brown chairs near the windows. You must sit still and quiet while the prior lesson is finishing. Please be prompt to your lesson as your lesson will conclude at the end of your 30 minute time slot.

Missed Lessons:

If you have to miss a lesson for any reason, I should be notified as soon as possible or by 11:00 am the day of your lesson. There will be no credits or refunds for missed lessons.

There will be two make-up lesson dates scheduled per semester. If you have given me advance notice before missing your lesson, you may schedule a make up lesson on one of the pre-determined make-up lesson dates. If you forget to come to come to your lesson, you do not qualify for a make-up lesson time. I have been preparing for your arrival and waiting for you to show up, so there are no make-up lessons in that case. You may not make up more than one lesson on each make-up day.

If I happen to need to cancel lessons for the day because of personal illness, we will work together to find a day to make up your missed lesson. In the winter, depending on the amount of snow on the roads, I may or may not cancel lessons when schools are closed. If a lesson is canceled because of snow, I will work with you to find a time to make up your missed lesson.

Cost:

Signature Music charges \$27.00 per half hour lesson. The total number of lessons for the school year are multiplied by \$27.00 and then divided by the number of months to determine the monthly fee of \$100.00

Fees and Payments:

Lesson Payments will be collected the first lesson of each month, August through May. Please send a check for \$100.00, made payable to **Signature Music**, with your

child, to their first lesson of the month. If payment is not received by the second lesson of the month, an additional \$10.00 late fee will be added to your monthly payment.

There is a \$20.00 non-refundable yearly registration fee, for each student, to reserve your lesson slot for the year. This will be due each Fall when registration begins. This fee also helps to cover recital costs.

Each child will have a materials account. You will be asked to place \$30.00 into the account at the beginning of each school year. The Studio will keep a stock of Lesson, Theory, and Performance books in all levels so that when the time comes to move on to a new book you will not have to go to a music store to purchase the lesson book, the cost (sticker price with no sales tax) will be deducted from the materials account. When the materials account goes below \$5.00, you will be notified and asked to replenish the account to \$30.00 again. If students are loaned music from the studio library and it is either damaged or lost, the cost of replacing that music will be deducted from the materials account.

Practicing:

Please encourage your child to practice EVERY day.

7-10 years old should be practicing 10-15 minutes a day

10-12 years old should be practicing 20-25 minutes a day

12-15 years old should be practicing 25-30 minutes a day

15+ should be practicing 30-45 minutes a day

Practicing is how students will be able to progress in their skills and knowledge of playing the piano. The greater progress they make, the more motivated they will be to do even more practicing!

Recitals:

We will have one recital in the spring to celebrate all of the hard work and progress each student has made throughout the year.

Recital Date:

April TBD I usually do a Friday evening Recital, and am working to see if we can use a new venue this year! You will be notified of the date and location as soon as possible.

Please mark this on your calendar right away. I expect all of my students to attend and perform their selected pieces by memory at the recital. It is an important skill to experience playing for others in a recital setting.

Please see the following page for important scheduling information.

Calendar:

School year lessons will begin on the week of August 10, 2021 and end on May 27, 2022.

Signature Music will not have lessons on:

November 22-26, 2021 for Thanksgiving break

December 20, 2021-January 7, 2022 for winter break

April 11-15, 2022 for spring break

The two makeup lessons for the fall semester will be:

Friday, October 15, 2021

Friday, December 10, 2021

The two makeup lessons for the spring semester will be:

Friday, March 11, 2022

Friday, May 13, 2022

Please keep these dates available in case you miss a lesson for any reason. These are the only make-up days available for missed lessons.

Music should be fun for everyone involved! Together we can make this a great experience that can have a positive impact on your child for a lifetime!

Signature Sheet

Parents' Names _____
(first and last names please)

Student's Name _____

Home Address: _____

City Zip Code

Telephone Numbers (with area code)

Home

Cell Phone

email address

I usually do the majority of my communication by email, for big studiowide notices. For one on one communication which do you prefer?

email

text

phone call

An emergency contact number (in case you cannot be reached at the above phone numbers):

Telephone Number

Name of Emergency Contact

By signing the Signature Sheet you are agreeing to the policies of Signature Music stated above.

Signature

Date

Please keep the Studio Policy for yourself, and return the Signature Sheet to Rebekah Keathley.

A note to parents:

I am so glad you are giving your child this gift of music in their life at a young age. It will benefit them for the rest of their life in ways of self discipline, math skills, self expression as well as a fundamental knowledge of core music principals that can be transferred to any other instrument they wish to learn in years to come. Whether or not you have a background in music, your participation in this journey is essential. It is not only necessary for you to provide them transportation to and from lessons, but to be an encourager of practice time at home, a helpful reminder to keep fingernails trimmed short for proper hand position on the keyboard, and a cheerleader and listener when he/she is excited about the progress made on a favorite piece. Please feel free to ask me questions when you have a concern or let me know if you are seeing any practicing problems at home. I want your child to succeed and your participation in this process is essential to his/her success!

Please know that practice time at home is what can make or break the progression your child can make in piano lessons. Pieces should be rehearsed and learned well over the course of the week at home. The time spent during lessons is for students to receive guidance, correction and improvement of the progress made at home during the week. Practice time should be consistent throughout the week. A lot of progress can be made in one practice session, but over the course of three days a lot can be forgotten. Practicing 10-15 minutes three days in a row is much more helpful than 30 minute practice sessions every three days. I find it helpful to make practice time a part of your daily routine. If there is time to practice before getting on the bus in the morning, do it every day before getting on the bus. If your child does well in the evenings and wants to practice right after dinner, do it then. If it is a part of your daily routine your child will not feel like you are constantly nagging them to practice each day, and you will not feel like the week has flown by and no practicing has been accomplished.

First lesson check list:

___ Half or full page lined notebook for lesson assignments. This should be brought to lessons each week, and looked through at each practice time as a reminder of things to be practicing until the next lesson.

___ Signature sheet filled out and signed

___ First month's payment (in the amount we have discussed) plus \$30.00 materials fee and \$20.00 registration fee (unless previously paid)

Please feel free to attend your child's first lesson. The lesson will consist of a tour of the studio, some discussion about how each lesson will run, and expectations for practicing at home. We will begin our first instruction in the lesson books, which is an introduction to the piano, how to sit, hand position, etc. After the first lesson, I ask that you send your child in by themselves. Children tend to perform better and be less distracted when parents are not in the room. Feel free to relax in the car, go for a walk around the neighborhood or run errands, but please be sure you are back promptly at the end of your 30 minute lesson time.