



I Can Play! Piano Studio



Anne Smith, Accredited Simply Music Teacher Goals and Policies

Fundamental Goal

To create an environment where students routinely acquire and retain music as a lifelong companion:

- ♪ To experience playing as a natural self-expression.
- ♪ To have the ability to play a huge repertoire covering a vast array of musical styles.
- ♪ To have the ability to self-generate, i.e., the ability to progress independently. This includes developing a strong foundation in music reading and theory.
- ♪ To have a highly positive, self-affirming experience throughout the music learning process.

Parent's Role

- ♪ Provide an instrument that is in good condition.
- ♪ Meet financial commitments by the end of the month for the following month.
- ♪ Support and encourage your child's or your own progress by attending lessons.
- ♪ Commit to a long-term relationship with piano lessons and structured practice at home.

Student's Role

- ♪ Maintain your playlist.
- ♪ Follow your teacher's instructions carefully.
- ♪ Practice 15-20 minutes per day, 5-6 days per week.
- ♪ Commit to a long-term relationship with piano lessons.
- ♪ No food, drink, or gum during lessons.

Lesson Time, Location and Schedule

- ♪ Shared lessons are 30-50 minutes, depending on the number of students:
 - 30 minutes for 2 students
 - 35 minutes for 3 students
 - 40 minutes for 4 students
 - 50 minutes for 5 or more students
- ♪ Shared lessons are offered Monday through Thursday at 3408 Duane Avenue.
- ♪ Lessons will be offered on a year-round basis with four one-week holidays/vacations (see **Holidays and Vacations**).

Practice

- ♪ It is vitally important that the student practices on the same day of the lesson to reinforce what was learned.
- ♪ The playlist must be kept alive, marked daily and turned in at each lesson.
- ♪ Above all else, ensure that on each day that practice occurs, it is **always done at the same time**.
- ♪ The assigned sections of the DVD must be reviewed within 24 hours of the lesson and additionally as needed throughout the week.

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Tuition and Materials Fees

- ♪ Monthly tuition: \$85.00 per student for group lessons with a \$10/month discount for second, third, etc family members enrolled.
- ♪ Student Home Materials cost: \$42.00 per level.
Supplemental programs begin in Level 2. The cost varies depending upon the program.
- ♪ Tuition and fees are due on the last lesson of each month for the following month. A \$10.00 late fee will be added to tuition paid after the first of the month.
- ♪ A payment reminder will be issued mid-month for upcoming fees due.
- ♪ Please make checks payable to Anne Smith.
- ♪ ***Receive one free month of lessons for each friend you refer who enrolls in my studio!***

Holidays and Vacations

- ♪ I observe the following holidays/vacations; no lessons will be held during the week in which the holiday falls:
 - Spring Break (date will be announced)
 - Summer Break (usually the week of Independence Day)
 - Thanksgiving
 - Christmas
- ♪ Tuition for the months in which these fall is the regular rate. Please note that tuition is also the same in months where 5 weeks of lessons occur.
- ♪ There are two options available for your own vacation absence:
 - Paying tuition to reserve your regular time slot.
 - Discontinuing classes temporarily and re-enrolling with the appropriate level and available time slot.

Missed Lessons

- ♪ Student/parent is responsible for contacting another class member or Mrs. Smith to get the missed assignment, and be ready for the next lesson.
- ♪ You may attend another group session designated by Mrs. Smith.
- ♪ No credit will be provided for missed lessons, and no make-up lesson will be available for no-call, no-shows.
- ♪ If I am unable to hold a scheduled lesson and must cancel it, the first option will be to reschedule it. If this is not possible, a credit will be issued for the following month.

Evaluation

- ♪ Parents will monitor their child's progress weekly in class and daily at home.
- ♪ Parents may schedule a parent/teacher consultation.
- ♪ When a student advances to a new level, the Teacher Evaluation form should be completed (parent and student may complete this together). The forms will be collected at the first lesson of the new level.

Public Performances

- ♪ Public performances will be scheduled on a regular basis. Participation is not required but is strongly encouraged, to help students develop confidence and have a self-affirming experience.

Inclement weather policy

- ♪ In the event that schools are closed due to the weather, my general policy is that my piano studio will remain open. If you opt not to attend that day, the usual options are available for making up the lesson (see **Missed Lessons**). If the weather is severe, I may opt to cancel all classes. No credit will be issued.