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I Can Play! Piano Studio

Tuition Announcement

In order to bring my tuition rates into alignment with that of the other Simply Music teachers in the area, the monthly tuition rate for shared (group) lessons will be \$85 effective **March 1, 2009**. There will also be a change in the discount offered to multiple family members. It will change to \$10 off regular tuition for the second and third family members (which is a larger discount than the previous 10%).

Also, as a reminder, according to my studio policies there will be a \$10 late fee added to tuition paid after the 1st of the month. Please remember that this is income that helps support my family, and timely tuition payment is necessary and appreciated. Thank you!

Happy Birthday!

January 2 – Amanda Tobin
January 2- Maddie Martinez
January 9 – Nick Joubert



Figure out the birthday song melody,
play it at your lesson, and you get a
treat!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Emily Smith is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Papillion Junior High School. She was born in Papillion and is the youngest of four children (one sister and two brothers). Emily has been in Simply Music for 3 years and is in Level 8. In addition to playing the piano, she loves to sing, participating in chorus and show choir. She is also a Twilight fan(atic). Her favorite Simply Music songs are Fur Elise, The Gaz, and Squidgies Boogie. Her practice tips are "slower is better than fast" and "fragmenting works!"

Keep up the good work, Emily!



Calendar



January 23-25: I will be traveling to San Jose, CA for a training symposium for Simply Music teachers. I am very excited to associate with and learn from 50+ teachers as well as Neil Moore! This will not affect the lesson schedule since it is a weekend trip.

Support our studio families!

Babysitting: Emily Smith (age 13) 293-1630
Gold Canyon candles: Danae Banks 981-7455
(these are the candles I burn in my studio)
Mary Kay Skin Care & Cosmetics: Julie Foral 537-4336
Notary Public (no charge): Anne Smith 293-1630
Stamp'n Up!: Christi White 235-3834
Learning Express Toys: Kim Schmiesing 498-8697

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"Success is a matter of understanding and religiously practicing specific, simple habits that always lead to success."

Robert J. Ringer

Young Lyricists

New Year's (to Deep River)

By Kaitlyn Fiala

New Year's is here.
I don't know what to do
When everyone comes to me.

Why should they come
To me when I don't know
How to answer their multi questions?

Why do they ask
Me when I don't know?
They should ask my parents!

Now they all left
And now there's a mess.
Where is the broom and I'll clean it up!



Erin and I (to Alma Mater Blues)

By Megan Feldmann

Erin is my best friend forever!
We are there for each other.

We used to Skype and play on Webkinz
And email each other.

But now she is here, spending time with me,
Just like us sisters used to be.

We can play all day long
And snuggle in the evening.

I can't believe she's here,
Because she lives in Singapore.

She's the best Christmas present
Because she is there for us and we are there like family.

ERIN ROCKS!



Call for Testimonials!

Many of you have verbally expressed how pleased you are with the progress you or your child(ren) are making with Simply Music. I would appreciate your taking a few minutes to email me a written testimonial that I can put on my website. No last names will be used. Thank you!



News Flash! Changes are coming!



In a very exciting development for I Can Play! Piano Studio, I will be acquiring many new students as a result of the relocation of the other Bellevue Simply Music teacher, Janita Pavelka. Janita will be moving to Holdrege, NE due to her husband's employment, sometime in the next few months. I will miss Janita and her great leadership and energy but I am excited to take on the challenge of greatly enlarging my student body.

As I integrate Janita's students with my own, some of them may join existing groups—which means that some of you will get to enjoy new friendships. Stay tuned for updates!

What did the piano player
say to the tightrope walker?

"You'd better C sharp or
you'll B flat!"



"Music washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." Berthold Auerbach