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I Can Play! Piano Studio

Update on Studio Expansion

I will be adding Mrs. Pavelka's students to my studio starting the first week in April. I am trying to create a schedule with minimal disruption to anyone's lives, but I may ask some of you to reschedule your lesson. I appreciate your willingness to work with me on this.

I am looking forward to getting to know these new students and families!

Welcome!

Electronic Statements to Start

Starting this month, I will make a leap into the 21st century ☺ and begin emailing your tuition reminder statements instead of handing out paper reminder slips. These statements will be in the form of an Excel document.

I will not send statements to those families who have set up an automatic payment to me through their bank, unless there are materials they need to purchase. This is yet another reason to set up automatic payments—one less email every month!

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
Learning Express Toys: Kim Schmiesing 498-8697

(YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS HERE!)

Happy Birthday!

March 29th – Addie Banks
March 29th – Laura Hicks



Calendar



Monday, April 6th through Thursday, April 9th: Spring Break – no lessons.

Reminder: this vacation is already accounted for in the tuition rate, so tuition will remain the usual amount.



Some time in early May: An exciting opportunity to practice your accompaniment skills with a live band! We will be combining with at least one other Simply Music studio for a Spring Jam Session. We are looking into holding it in a theater at Creighton University's music department. Anyone is invited to sing as well. There will be a cost per student to help with the associated expenses.

Stay tuned for more details!

Young Lyricists

Lucy Loo (to Honey Dew)

By Maddie Martinez

Lucy Loo, she's a firefly.
Lucy Loo, comes out at night,
Lucy Loo, light as light can be.



My Sister (to Dreams Come True)

By Faith Cordray

I love my sister
I love her a lot.
She is not a he,
She is certainly not.



God loves us a lot.
He let His son die.
We should always
Obey God.

I Love Piano (to Chester Chills Out)

By Mrs. Smith, who is not so young and
not much of a lyricist 😊

Playing the piano brings me lots of joy.
It is so much fun, better than any toy.
Playing calms me and it's something I
enjoy.
I will always play is my hope, boy oh boy!



Simply Music Goals

It's good to be reminded regularly what Simply Music is all about. The following information is taken from the "Curriculum Overview" document at www.simplymusic.com:

Our overriding goal is to create a culture where people of all ages, easily and readily acquire and maintain music as a lifelong companion. Inside of this goal, there are specific goals that we focus on achieving.

When comparing Simply Music to other programs, it is important to understand that our stated goals are distinctly different from traditional methods.

Our foundation for achieving results, and the thrust of our efforts, are directed towards the following goals for you as a student:

- Having the ability to play a huge repertoire covering classical, popular, blues, jazz and accompaniments;
- Experiencing playing as a natural self-expression;
- Having a highly positive, self-affirming experience with music learning;
- Developing the ability to self-generate. i.e. the ability to progress independently. This includes developing a strong foundation in music reading and theory.

"Without music, life would be a mistake."

Friedrich Nietzsche

"Music is love in search of a word."

Sidney Lanier

"Music is the art which is most nigh to tears and memory."

Oscar Wilde