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PIANO LESSON POLICY 2023-2024

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.”
-Plato

Ms. Coursey’s goal is to foster an enjoyment and understanding of all types of piano music. All levels and ages of students are welcome to begin their musical journey here!

INTERVIEW: Preliminary interviews are free and required in order to begin piano lessons. This is an opportunity for the teacher to get to know the student and their goals, and for the student learn more about how lessons work. Interviews will last 15-30 minutes, with the goal of determining if the student and teacher are a good fit. Recommendations of book purchases will be made at the discretion of the teacher after the preliminary interview.

LESSONS: Private lessons are given on a weekly basis, with weeks taken off according to the calendar school year. Summer lessons are arranged individually. Students are required to attend at least 4 summer lessons to keep their time slot reserved for the following school year.

TUITION: Tuition is paid by the month and is due at the time of the first lesson of the month unless otherwise arranged. Tuition fees remain the same for each month regardless of number of lessons in the month. Checks should be made payable to Sandra Coursey.

If the monthly payment is not received by the 10th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be added. If tuition remains unpaid after two months, the student will be dropped from the studio.

30 minute lessons	\$140 per month
45 minute lessons	\$210 per month
60 minute lessons	\$280 per month

These prices do not include fees for music, recitals, events, or competition fees. Students are expected to buy their own books at the recommendation of the teacher. Most books will be easily available for purchase on Amazon Prime. The student will be charged on a nonprofit, reimbursement basis for competition fees, to be paid toward the organization hosting the competition.

MISSED

LESSONS: Due to the student’s lesson time being reserved for that specific student, lesson fees are non refundable if a lesson is missed for any reason. Makeup lessons will be provided on

weeks that fall as a fifth lesson at the end of a month. If no makeups are needed during this week, students will receive this additional lesson at no extra cost. 24 hours notice of a cancellation is required. If the teacher must miss a lesson for any reason, all efforts will be made to provide makeup lessons to the student in a timely manner. Piano lessons will continue as usual during bad weather. The studio will only close in the event of a Level 3 snow emergency.

PRACTICE: Students are expected to practice daily. The studio does not enforce a minimum amount of time for practice each day to encourage the student to practice until they have improved, not until they have met the time requirement. Parents are encouraged to supervise beginner students' practice. It is suggested to not practice on an electric keyboard. Students are required to have short nails in order to comfortably play with the correct technique.

DISMISSAL

OF STUDENTS: Students or parents of students will be notified when a student's lessons are judged unprepared for several weeks. In this situation, compromises will be made or the student may be dismissed from the studio.

An advanced notice of one month is required for students wishing to discontinue lessons.

STUDENT

OBLIGATION: Practice, come on time, prepared with all materials (method book, theory book, pencil, etc), have a positive attitude, and most importantly, enjoy the music!

PARENT

OBLIGATION: Parents are expected to ensure that the student arrives to lessons, competitions, group classes, and recitals on time, with all required material. For beginning students especially, it is important that parents know what the student's assignment is and oversee that they are practicing what they need to.