



Piano Studio of Jennifer A. Kershner

Policies and Procedures

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Welcome! I'm glad you are here and I hope you are excited about learning to play the piano! While studying piano, you will develop your own repertoire of music you can play, learn music and keyboard theory and techniques and learn some music history in the process. Periodically, you will be asked to participate in recitals to showcase your own progress through performance as well as hear your peers perform. I know that when you apply yourself to study the piano, you will find it rewarding and enjoyable! Let's strive to be the best musicians we can be and have fun in the process!

~ Mrs. Kershner

I. MATERIALS

Required

Alfred or Faber piano method series

(Exceptions may be made for students transferring from another teacher)

Small notebook for writing assignments

Acoustic piano at home or accessibility to one on a regular basis

Electronic keyboards with weighted keys accepted but not encouraged

Recommended

"Piano Explorer" magazine - for younger students (\$8 for yearly subscription)

"Clavier" magazine - for older students (\$17 for yearly subscription)

Metronome for home practice

II. PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS

The amount of practice time required for each week will vary with each student and shall be decided within the first 2 weeks of lessons. Younger students will record their practice in their book while older students will record their practice time on a record sheet to be brought to each lesson. As students progress in their study of the piano, not all practicing will be done at the piano. Occasionally it will be beneficial to listen to recordings of certain pieces or spend time away from the piano memorizing music. This time should still be recorded in the students practice time log. Practice is necessary for progress to be made!

Practice - Progress- Performance

III. ATTENDANCE POLICY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Students are expected to attend lessons each week at the same time. If a lesson must be missed, please inform the teacher in advance. There will be no reimbursement for missed lessons.

MAKE-UP LESSONS

Make-up lessons are not offered. **Attending lessons during months with five weeks will compensate students for missed lessons during the year since there is no additional charge for five-week months.**

If the teacher misses a lesson for any reason, it will *always* be rescheduled.

Note: The teacher reserves the right to dismiss a student for excessive absence from lessons, nonpayment of fees, or extreme behavioral problems.

IV. RECITALS

Each student is required to perform at two recitals per year. A Christmas recital and a Spring Recital. Students will be informed of dates in advance each year.

V. CALENDAR

Christmas Break: December 1-31

Summer Break: July 1-31

VI. LESSON FEES

Lessons will be held for ½ hour each week. 45-minute lessons are available for advanced students at the teacher's discretion.

½ hour lessons
Monthly fee is \$50.

45 minute lessons
Monthly fee is \$56.

Fees are charged by the month, and are not lowered or refunded for missed lessons. During the year some months will contain an extra week for which there is *no additional charge*. Regular attendance during these months will compensate you for any lessons you have missed over the course of the year. Payment is due the 1st week/ lesson of each month. The monthly fee remains the same *every month*.

ALL FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE

VIII. TEACHER REFERENCES (Resumes available upon request.)

Dr. Don Zent

Professor of Piano Studies, Asbury College

Mrs. Jessica Overholt

Music Teacher, Fredericktown Middle School