

Student Practice Agreement



I want you to get better at playing the piano!
How can that happen?
It's all about how you practice!

So..... let's agree to practice this year by this guidelines:

- 1) Make practicing a priority! **Set a practice routine that works well for you and stick to it!** Real progress can happen when you practice at least 5 days each week, especially the day of your lesson or the very next day.
- 2) Start with warmups and technique first.
- 3) Be smart when you practice your pieces! Break them up into small sections. Follow the instructions in your practice pouch. Use different practice tricks. Tap the rhythm. Drill the problem spots - don't just correct a note and move on! **Your goal is to improve on something about each piece before you leave the piano bench!**
- 4) If there is a goal on your assignment sheet, practice to accomplish that goal. Check yourself mid-week to see how close you are to accomplishing that goal and adjust your practice if needed so that you can reach the goal before your lesson.
- 5) Follow the instructions on your assignment sheet to let me know how often you practiced.
- 6) Bring all of your music to your lesson each week, even if there is not an assignment in a particular book.
- 7) Please, please don't come into your lesson making excuses for a lack of practice. I understand that everyone has a bad week now and then.

With these things in mind, please sign below that you agree intelligently this year! Please understand that your lessons may be discontinued if you are unprepared for your lessons more than 4 times in one semester.

Student's Signature and Date

Parent's Signature and Date