



Sunshine Piano Studio

"putting the smile in music"

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Music Studio Policies

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Playing & Reading Based Piano Curriculum

- Sunrise Music Piano Curriculum: The 1st year the student learns to play mature sounding songs while learning to relate to and begin the reading music process. A repertoire of a mix songs is used: classical, contemporary, blues, pop, ballads, accompaniment, & arrangements. The student learns how to see musical patterns, sequences, sentences, shapes, etc., and learns how to map those onto the keyboard. This process gives the student a highly positive musical experience in playing piano.
- Theory is the language of music. Learning how to read and understand music will enable the student to improvise & compose, learn to play & accompany in all keys, learn the chords: Major, minor, 7ths, suspended, augmented, diminished, 6th, 9th, 11th, 13th, and slash chords, which opens the door to play and to harmonize any song. Giving students the musical tools / building blocks to be able to read and understand music develops self-generating musicians. Taking ownership of their music is the greatest motivator to practice, play, read, compose, improv, & arrange their own music.
- Students are expected to practice faithfully and come prepared for their lesson. First year students should practice 30 minutes daily and all other students at least 1 hour daily. Parents are welcome to attend piano lessons & encouraged to ask questions: Parents, you are very important in this process!

Tuition Fees

- **\$130 Monthly tuition** for weekly 30 minute lessons August – May
Fee Note: A flat monthly rate simplifies payment for everyone. (No summer payments)
- **45 minute lessons** for \$185 monthly tuition
- **\$50 Student Home Materials** – per year. Extra fees = individual student's musical needs
- **Fees due in advance** on the first lesson of each month for the month's following lessons

Vacations / No Make-up Lessons

- **No lessons:** Summer months: June - July and the holiday weeks of: Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, Spring Break (March), Fall Break (October)
- My students are buying a time slot of mine to take piano lessons. If students are absent, it takes away that time slot from another possible student and missed lessons do not help consistent learning, which equals success for the student. Full monthly tuition paid by the first of each month.
- **Missed lessons** will not be credited. **Please, Text my cell phone 507-259-1009 to let me know that you will not be at your lesson.** If you contact me ahead of the missed lesson, I may be able to reschedule your lesson. Availability for a make-up lesson will depend on my schedule.
- **Bad weather** that closes schools will cancel piano lessons. This does not apply to online lessons.