



Studio Newsletter

Helpful information for parents, caregivers and students in Ingrid's piano studio.

Practicing can be a lonely road for some, but it doesn't have to. Learning the piano is an acquired skill that takes time, dedication and practice, but with the right support systems in place, much more can be accomplished and practice doesn't have to mean solitary confinement!

Practice Tips

- **Have a parent or helper sit in on the student's lesson** so the student has support with assignments and learning.
- **Record the piano lesson** each week so everyone remembers the same things to work on.
- **Go through assignments** together on the first practice at home so the goals are clear.
- **Create a beautiful, inviting space** for practice (more on this in the next newsletter).



Listen to, encourage and help your child work on assignments during the week.

- **Choose a consistent practice time** where the student feels the most energetic - it may be in the morning, afternoon, before the evening meal, or into the evening. Keep this time as consistent as possible so it becomes routine.

- **Use colourful charts or graphs to help your child track practice time** - a sticker or checkmark can go a long way!

- **LISTEN to the student practice.** For younger children, you will need to be with them most of the time

to help and keep them focused. As they get older, they still want to know you are listening, available and care about what they are doing. Ask questions - compliment them - listen to their favourite piece - help where you can. **They need you.**

- **Students can also vary the order in which they practice,** and even the WAY they practice in order to spark their imagination. If a piece is usually played legato, try it staccato! How does this change the mood? If they are playing their piece with dynamics, try playing with opposite dynamics! How does this change the feeling of the piece?

- **Record the student performing a piece** they are close to mastering. Have them watch it back, and see if there's anything they may do differently.

- **Reward hard work, effort and initiative.** Three times a year, I'll offer a term report card. If you and I feel they've put in a good effort, it's important to recognize this achievement however you see fit for your family.

Add Classical music listening and music games or apps to the activities they do each week