

Welcome to Piano Lessons at My Studio

I am very pleased that you have enrolled your child for piano lessons at my studio. Learning to play piano can be a great joy, for many reasons. Music can express an important part of ourselves that can reach expression in no other way. Children often find great joy in playing together, as well. In addition, numerous studies have found that children who study music improve their reading and math scores, and have more success in multiple areas of their lives.

What might not be so obvious, is that learning to play the piano is relatively difficult. Your child may need a significant amount of support from you in order to succeed. Regular practice is crucial, and having a piano that is properly tuned and maintained is required.

The combined string tension on a piano is 14–20 tons. As a result, pianos go out of tune constantly. Every major manufacturer recommends tuning at least twice a year. You need to mark your calendar. Many times parents make the mistake of waiting until the child complains that the piano doesn't sound right. That is too late. Your child is not trained to know when a piano is out of tune. Typically, the piano will gradually lose tension and fall in pitch long before it sounds bad. During that time, your child will find it less satisfying to practice, since there is not the reward of beauty from their playing. Because of the decrease in pitch, your piano will sound different from my piano, making the lessons more difficult. Your child will be less motivated to learn and practice, and the money you are paying for lessons will be less productive.

I am committed to helping your child be successful in learning to play the piano. I will always give your child the best instruction I know. I request that you support your child in regular practice of their lessons, and by keeping a properly maintained piano for their practice. If you do not already have a piano tuner, I recommend ----- . His/her phone number is -----, and his/her website is -----.

Sincerely,

I have read the preceding document, and I commit to supporting my child in learning to play the piano.
