



Music Studio of Ginny Blair

Simply Music piano

Goals and Policies for kids

Welcome to Ginny Blair's Music Studio!

Fundamental Goal

To create an environment where students routinely acquire and retain music as a lifelong companion:

- 🎵 To experience playing as a natural self-expression.
- 🎵 To have the ability to play a huge repertoire covering a vast array of musical styles.
- 🎵 To have the ability to self-generate, i.e. the ability to progress independently. We will develop a strong foundation in music reading and theory.
- 🎵 To have a highly positive, self-affirming experience throughout the music learning process.

Ginny's Role

- 🎵 I commit to being on time and prepared.
- 🎵 I will support you on your musical journey.
- 🎵 I will ask you to do only what is in your best interest.

- ✦ I will be enthusiastic about your progress and help you bring out your own deep and profound musicality.

Parent's Role

- ✦ Provide an instrument that is in good condition.
- ✦ Support and encourage your child's progress by attending lessons.
- ✦ Commit to a long-term relationship with piano lessons and structured practice at home.

Student's Role

- ✦ Students must personally desire to learn the piano and express that to me in order to enroll in lessons.
- ✦ Maintain your playlist.
- ✦ Follow your teacher's instructions carefully.
- ✦ Practice 15 – 20 minutes per day, 5 – 6 days a week.
- ✦ Commit to a long term relationship with piano lessons.

Lesson Time, and Schedule

- ✦ Shared lessons are 30 -45 minutes, depending on the number of students: 30 minutes for 2 students, 35 minutes for 3 students and 40 minutes for 4 students.
- ✦ Private lessons are 25 minutes.
- ✦ Lessons will be offered year round.

*Note: Regardless of whether there are 4 or 5 lessons in the calendar month, the tuition remains the same. For those months that have a 5th week, hence a 5th lesson, the extra lesson is “banked” and used for school holidays (see calendar).

- There are two options available for your own vacation absences:
 - Paying tuition to reserve your regular slot.
 - Discontinuing classes temporarily and re-enrolling with the appropriate level and available time slot.

Tuition and Material Fees

- Tuition and fees are due on the last lesson of each month for the following month. If paid past the 1st week of the month, a \$10.00 late fee will be added.
- A visual payment reminder will be given the second to last lesson in the month.
- Please make checks payable to Ginny Blair
- Payments can be made by personal check or cash or by having your bank send me a check to arrive by the 10th of each month.
- Student home materials cost: \$52.00 to start, then \$52.00 per level and usually are needed every 8 – 10 weeks.
- Supplemental programs begin in Level 2. The cost varies depending upon the program, but do not exceed \$35.00.

Practice

- It is vitally important that the student practices on the same day of the lesson to reinforce what has been learned.
- The playlist must be kept alive, marked daily and turned in at each lesson.
- Above all else, ensure that on each day that practice occurs, it is always done at the same time.
- The student must watch the assigned portion of the video at least 2 times during the week for review and best results. Be sure to STOP the

video and review after EACH numbered section for the best results. Ensure that the format for note-taking is followed. Do NOT take extra notes.

Missed Lessons

- 🎹 If you miss a lesson, please call Ginny or a friend from class. Please work on the student home materials as directed by Ginny or the friend from class.
- 🎹 No credit will be provided for missed lessons.

Evaluation

- 🎹 Parents will monitor their child's progress weekly in class.
- 🎹 Parents may call me any time to schedule a teacher consultation.

Performances

- 🎹 There are two scheduled recitals in the calendar school year. They provide students with a venue in which to share their talents. My goal is to create an informal, fun event which exposes different ways which piano-playing can be experienced.
- 🎹 The recital takes the place of one lesson. (Please see attached calendar). Full tuition is due.
- 🎹 Simply Music may be the best piano lessons on the planet. Despite the sound of these lengthy policies, class will be designed to be fun and will help you keep the goal of having music as a lifelong companion. I look forward to helping you achieve that goal.

Please download and read the Simply Music Curriculum Overview. Go to www.simplymusic.com. Then go to :About lessons/Learn with a Teacher/QuickLinks—Cirriculum Overview.

Wishing you a happy and exciting musical journey!

Warmest Regards,

Ginny Blair

Advanced Simply Music teacher

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