



Linda King's Piano Studio Policy 2010-2011 806-792-7380

Requirements:

- Be 5 minutes early for your lesson and respect others who are having lessons.
- Have a ride available within 10 minutes of your lesson's end.
- Attend regularly. Make-up lessons will be given at my discretion. Credit will be given only if I am notified one hour in advance and **only** due to illness of the child.
- Tuition payments are due on or before the 10th of the month to avoid a late fee of \$10. If an extension is needed, I must be notified. I also have bills to pay.
- Participate in the studio recitals.
- Bring all materials to lessons.

Communication:

- Check www.lubbockpianoteacher.blogspot.com every week for reminders and information.
- ***Email is my primary means of communication.*** Please read all studio e-mails carefully and open all links and attachments. Please inform me about any questions or concerns you have. I only have 30 minutes with your child, so I need your help with practice at home. Sometimes a simple comment from a parent can help me diagnose a serious problem that otherwise could have gone unnoticed! Please don't be embarrassed if your child is struggling with something. My studio website is a great place to get instant answers about your child's piano questions. (www.lubbockpianoteacher.com)

Practice:

- Practice your assignments carefully and frequently to learn them well.
- Practice must be scheduled at a regular time each day and become part of each student's daily routine. Morning time is the very best for quality practice time. After school will be a bit less productive for piano practice, and after dinner is just frustrating for students and parents. The most productive practice session of the week is the one directly after a student's lesson when my instructions are still fresh on your child's mind. As a general statement, I believe parents should sit with the student during daily piano practice until there is no difference in outcome with or without the parent present.
- If a piece of music is too stressful or big, break it up into manageable pieces.
- **Each day's practice is not finished until the day's goals have been reached, not when time is up.** Check the Practice guidelines I have included. I have found that students who make weekly practice plans excel at astonishing speeds! Just after a student gets out of piano lesson, the student and parent should sit down and make

a practice plan for the week. This plan should be organized into obtainable daily goals. If something isn't working, ask for suggestions.

- If a student has gone 3 weeks with no practice, he or she will be put on practice probation. Once the student and parent have been notified, 3 weeks of probation will be given to get back on track with regular practice. At the end of the 3 weeks, the student and parent will meet with me to assess progress during the probation period. If no progress is made, the student may be dismissed from the studio.

Important information

- Lessons begin August 30th and run through May 20th. Any holidays will be noted on my website and confirmed by your billing statement.
- Please keep your piano or keyboard in good working/tuned condition.
- Piano Explorer magazine will be an opportunity given to you periodically this year.
- Billing statements will be emailed unless you tell me differently. Pay attention to the dates on the statements.
- Student affiliate fees are to be paid no later than Sept 15th. (Check with me about this) All fees have increased this year from our local association.
- Recitals will be at Redbud Baptist Church on December 17, 2010 and May 20, 2011.
- Everyone is charged \$1 monthly to participate in the theory website. I can monitor your participation from my computer. www.musiclearningcommunity.com You will be assigned a password. Participation is encouraged and assignments are given.
- Parents are always invited to come to lessons. You are a valuable pair of extra ears.
- **Deadlines are important.** Help me know what you want to do and never risk missing a deadline.
- Students have the opportunity to earn piano money for practice and other special reasons. Fines will be charged for breaking rules and not attending to obligations. No more getting by without doing what you know to do.
- Dismissal & Termination: Should any of the following situations occur after parental notification has been made along with time provided to correct the situation, dismissal will result: failure to make payments promptly, failure to maintain practice standards, or inappropriate or disrespectful behavior, theft, and/or misbehavior in my home.
- Cell phones are not to be used by the student in the studio during a lesson for texting, making, or accepting unnecessary calls.
- Do not ever wander through my house. Let's respect each other.

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Student's Name _____

Dad's
name _____

Mom's name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Cell Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

Student's Birth date _____

Student's Grade _____

How do you want to receive your monthly statements? _____printed

_____emailed