

Mrs V's KEY ISSUES

Piano Notes for November

"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT"

Practicing 100 minutes per week, one or more weeks, in October were: KATHY MOORE, Cody Joy, Caden Joy, GUS GROSS, MYLO GROSS, Crockett Patton, NAVYA MODI, Gracie Sadler, SHERRALYN ST CLAIR, AKELA LEAUANAE, AidanSion, Cassie Sion, ALEC LEITH, Quinn Leith, HELEN NICHOLSON, THOMAS NICHOLSON, ELLIE SOMMERS, ETHAN SOMMERS, Annie Feng, MATT PENDLETON, MEI LIM, KAYA KAPADIA, CYRUS KAPADIA, Doug Bryant, Robyn Selking, LEON TONG, ANDRE TABUCO, MELANIE VANDERSCHAAF, JOHNNY JUN, and ALYSSA MILLER. Students who practiced at least 100 minutes per week, each week, the ENTIRE month (for which they will receive PIANO DOLLARS) are listed in capital letters. Congratulations!!!

PIANO GUILD LETTERS

Piano Guild letters with a sign up portion will be handed out after Thanksgiving. Unless you are an adult student, participating in Piano Guild is not optional...it's a requirement of my studio. What *is* optional is how many pieces a student decides to learn for the Guild Auditions. I let the students decide how many pieces they want to memorize and I then support whatever goal they want to pursue. Please note the Guild fee changes in accordance with how many pieces the judge will be hearing. The Guild fee is due in December, and if you are writing a check, address the check to me – Guild Headquarters wants one big check from each teacher rather than millions of checks from individual families. If you have any questions or concerns about Guild, please feel free to contact me via email...vdschaaf@sbcglobal.net



THANKSGIVING BREAK

There will be no lessons Sunday November 18th – Friday November 23rd. Have a safe and HAPPY Thanksgiving!

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all students who took time from their busy schedules to perform Halloween pieces in costume for a recording in lieu of the party...you all sounded spooktacular!! I am proud of each and every one of you! For those of you who didn't yet make a recording of your Halloween piece, I am still waiting for you to do so. The purpose of piano parties is to practice performance skills, so since the party was canceled, performing and recording in front of family members is the next best thing to help grow your public poise!

PRACTICE CHECK

practicing is not...

optional
playing only favorite pieces
going through each piece once
never fixing mistakes
never looking in assignment notebook
watching the clock
mindless
filled with distractions

practicing IS...

HOMEWORK to be done every day
working on each piece with a goal in mind
and striving to reach that goal
playing everything assigned
(this means scales, cadences and arpeggios,
too!)
at least three times each
doing tough spots extra
hard work which requires thinking and time
trying to get better and better

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Please make sure that you really are PRACTICING!!!

LESSON CONDUCT

When you come for a lesson with Mrs. V, please be on your best behavior. If you have finished with music lab, sit **quietly** in the piano room until your lesson begins or until your parents arrive to pick you up. Please don't wander throughout my home. Please don't open drawers, doors, cupboards, touch decorations, play with antique pianos or toys, or interrupt Mrs. V when she's teaching another student. If you eat a candy, please put the wrapper in the bathroom waste basket rather than under couch cushions or on the floor or in the Music Lab room. Thank you in advance for curbing your impulses!!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!