

# 88keys STUDIO

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Thank you for signing up for piano lessons - I'm looking forward to a summer full of piano!

**Scheduling:** Lessons will begin the week of June 26 on your scheduled day. I will meet you at your house at your lesson time unless we have discussed an alternate arrangement. If you need to change your lesson time, contact me via text or email at least 48 hours in advance if you need to reschedule your lesson and 24 hours in advance if you need to cancel your lesson. Full payment is expected with less than 24 hours' notice. If I need to cancel your lesson at any time, I will reschedule with you—you will not be charged until we make the lesson up.

The summer session will be 8 weeks long through the week of August 14. At the beginning of August, I will talk with you to schedule lessons for the fall, featuring our first recital!

**Payment:** The charge for weekly 30 minute lessons is \$30. All payments are due at the time of your lesson, or you can pay for the whole month at your first lesson of the month. If there is ever a problem with payment for a lesson, please contact me before your lesson, and we can make arrangements.

**\*\*If 3 or more in your family sign up for lessons and schedule lessons on the same day back to back, I will subtract \$3 from each student--\$27/student!**

All books and materials will need to be purchased in addition to the lesson fee. Students will start off with the Piano Pronto book (\$9) and the manuscript paper notebook (\$5). I can provide all materials for reimbursement. You are welcome to purchase them yourself, but materials must be available at the next lesson after request.

**Note to Students:** The best way to improve quickly is to be prepared to practice! Beginners and students under 10, it is recommended that you spend at least 15 minutes per day working on your skills. Students with at least a year of experience should begin to spend at least 30 minutes per day at the piano. This time can be spent on weekly assignments, compositions/improv, sight-reading, ear training, or music theory. And feel free to contact me with requests for songs that you would enjoy to learn!

**Note to Parents:** You are the biggest encouragement in your child's life! You can best support your child by reminding them or scheduling time to practice, cheer them on in their achievements big or small, and, if you have a musical background, answering questions. As much as they're comfortable, let them perform mini-recitals for you and your family so they get used to performing in front of an audience!

## **Final thoughts:**

Students are not required to have a "real" piano—digital keyboards or electric pianos are fine. However, students are required to have regular, ideally daily, access to a piano or keyboard.

It will be helpful for students to have access to a metronome (hint: there are plenty of free apps out there...)

It is recommended that students' fingernails remain short—it is harder and often painful (scratches, broken nails) to play with long nails.

Students should not eat or drink other than water at the piano, including during lesson time. Gum chewing is also not allowed during lesson time.

Finally, bring a pencil—you never know when you'll need a pencil!

Any questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. To get to know a bit more about me, please visit my website, [www.88keysacc.com](http://www.88keysacc.com). I'm looking forward to sharing the piano with you!

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