



let'splaymusic

Parent Orientation

Purple Magic

Parent's Role in Class

1. The Parent's role in class is to: 1. ENJOY your child, 2. learn how to practice at home and to HELP your child at the keyboard.
2. When helping at the keyboard, NEVER push down a child's finger.
3. If the class is playing something beyond the ability of your child, you can do the "PLAYER PIANO" method or just SING ALONG along with your child.

Practice at Home

4. Your attitude should be EXCITED, ENCOURAGING and POSITIVE.
5. Suggested time to practice is 10 to 15 minutes of drill time, and 5 to 10 minutes of review or students choice.
6. Do the most difficult or newest song FIRST.
7. Review activities can be done WITHOUT supervision.
8. The FIRST and SECOND day after class, sit with your child and help with anything new.
9. Your child will feel ABOUT practice the way she feels WHEN she practices.
10. Chunking: Play the first line 3-5 times BEFORE going to the next line.
11. V-fingers is helpful when learning to put HANDS TOGETHER.
12. When your child doesn't want to practice, consider: 1. TIME 2. STYLE 3. ATTITUDE.

13. If you don't play yourself, **_NOW_** is the time to learn. You must be able to play **_EVERYTHING_** your child is playing.
14. When learning a song, do NOT attempt playing hands **_TOGETHER_** until each hand is **_PERFECT_** alone.

Practice Conversation

15. Listen **_EMPATHETICALLY_** to your child, and then **_ENCOURAGE_** him to try.
16. When your child makes a mistake, just **_POINT_** to the music and correct her with **WORDS_**.
17. Even at the slightest triumph, dole out the **_COMPLIMENTS_**. PRAISE, PRAISE, PRAISE!!!!

Classroom Details

18. The flashcard system must be **_DRILLED_** every day like **_MATH_** **_FACTS_**. The rubber band holds cards that have/**have not** been learned. Flashcards come to class **_EVERY_** week.
19. Private lessons for compositions will happen on Lesson **_6_** and Lesson **_11_** of the Orange Roots semester. The students will perform their own compositions at the year end **_RECITAL_**.
20. Class is now **_55_** minutes long.
21. Moms will attend a special assessment lesson on Lesson # **_15_**.
22. Now is the time to start looking for your child's **_PRIVATE_** **_PIANO_** teacher.
23. The **_CLASS_** **_CALENDAR_** remains in the student binder and has all the answers to frequently asked questions.

Now we are ready for a smooth, rewarding year!

Thanks for all your efforts!

