

Suzuki Saplings

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Length/Structure of Lessons. Lessons are ½ hour. I will reserve the last 5 minutes to discuss areas to focus during weekly practice with the parent. Please be punctual as lessons are finished a half hour after they are scheduled to begin and not at the time your student comes. If we start late, and it is my fault, I will finish the lesson 30 minutes after we start. Lessons are most effective if the parent stays in the room throughout the lesson. Feel free to bring something in to work on while you listen.

Tuition. Tuition is \$30 each lesson. This is paid in a lump sum at the beginning of each month. Payments may be by Venmo, cash, check, or Zelle. I will send you an email with the amount I am tracking for your child(ren) on the first Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the month, whichever comes first. You're welcome to complete the payment when you get notified, or you can wait until your child is having their lesson. If you are missing the first lesson of the month, send payment by the end of the day they would have had their lesson. If I send a request for the incorrect amount (maybe you had some roll over from that month that I forgot to include, you should have received a referral bonus, or you have an upcoming absence that I wasn't aware of yet), please just let me know and send the correct amount.

Missed Lessons. I will only reschedule missed lessons when they are canceled more than 24 hours in advance. If you or your child is sick, please cancel as soon as you know. If you cancel before your lesson starts (when your child is sick with something contagious), the tuition will be rolled over. If I must cancel for any reason, I will usually let you know at the beginning of the month. Lessons canceled more than 24 hrs in advance will be rolled over to the following month and deducted from the next monthly total.

Lesson cancellations less than 24 hrs in advance or no shows need to be paid for and will not be rolled over. If a lesson at the beginning of the month is not canceled with this notice, you will still be charged for it.

Recitals. We will have one Winter recital each year. I try my best to have the recitals in my home to decrease cost for parents and fear of the recital for the students. If for some reason I need to rent a space for the recital, the cost of the recital will be \$35 per student.

Practicing. I cannot stress enough the importance of practicing what I write on the papers. I write what I do for a reason. Please practice with the paper out, so you can look at it. I strongly recommend you have your child practice 3 days per week minimum, but you should encourage them to practice everyday. You will see more rapid advancement if you do. Students should practice 15-30 minutes daily. Practicing time may include listening to the songs on the CD, Spotify, YouTube, or Apple Music.

Practicing will require help from the parents. Young students will likely need assistance to practice. A decrease in desire is natural once piano becomes challenging. I don't know anyone who started playing piano in their childhood and still plays into adulthood who didn't want to quit for a period, including myself. Obviously, we do our very best to keep piano fun and motivating, and I want the students to feel they are making continual improvements. Your student will learn the most life lessons out of piano and learn what it takes to keep improving as they stick with piano through the easy and the hard.

New Students. I love teaching your kids! If you know of anyone looking for a teacher, I would love to have them. As an incentive for you to refer others, I will give one free lesson after their first month of lessons. I'll give a second free lesson after their second month. The more students you refer, the more lessons you'll get for free!