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Welcome to Guitar lessons 2020/2021

Our goal is to provide quality music instruction while developing a love for music. Our desire is to have our enthusiasm and passion for guitar be unavoidably contagious.

Our aim for guitar lessons is one of a very practical nature. We strive to have the student chording real songs as soon as possible. The student will learn how to read tablature, chord positions, strumming patterns, how to tune a guitar, how to change the strings, and how to identify what chords relate to different keys. An emphasis will be made on fluency, in order to be capable of having people sing along. Songs will be chosen by the teacher and student, with student's technical ability, and interests in mind.

As with many things in life, practice makes progress. The more practice, the quicker the progress. In order to encourage the students to do their best, each teacher sets up a reward system. Students earn little treats by being well prepared. Hard work will result in obtaining treats more frequently. It has been my experience that homes who have a designated practice time, see students succeed with well-paced progress.

As a studio, we believe that part of learning an instrument and becoming a good musician is developing the ability to perform on that instrument. We support the local music festival "Airdrie Rotary Festival of Performing Arts", which occurs each Spring. If the student's ability reaches the level to participate in the guitar segment of the festival, we will certainly love to encourage this opportunity. More information about festival can be found on their website www.airdrierotaryfestival.org

Students can typically look forward to participating in our year-end recital in June. In the current uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the possible restrictions on public gatherings, the decision about having our typical recital will happen in the Spring and will adhere to the current guidelines put out by the government and Alberta Health services.

I look forward to a great year with many music accomplishments. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

The Basics:

1. For general lessons, you will be required to have a notebook to write down homework assignments. We will use chord charts from the internet, but If you have a supply of music books, we are happy to pick and choose from them if they are at an appropriate level. We also have a quite a large library of music at the studio. Some students will be required to buy a method book that aids in our instruction for music reading.

2. Teaching music lessons is of highest priority, and teachers will do everything in their power to begin and end lessons on time. WE expect the same from you. By committing to guitar lessons, you are committing to your specific weekly time slot. Teachers have put aside that designated time, with expectations to teach, and whether the student attends or not, they must be paid.

3. Monthly payments are due at the first lesson of each month. Cheque (made to McKee Music), cash , or e-transfer to mckeemusic@yahoo.ca is acceptable. I prefer post-dated cheques from September – June. I will issue monthly receipts. A fee of \$20 will be charged for any NSF cheques, and late-payments will be subject to a \$10 charge.

4. Missed lessons

Depending on which day you have lessons, there are 31-36 lessons over the course of the guitar-lesson year. We purposely plan our lesson dates according to Rocky View school calendar, to avoid conflicts and schedule disruptions. There are no make up lessons available if a student misses.

If a teacher needs to cancel due to their own sickness, and a suitable substitute is not available, you will be credited for that lesson the following month.

5. Online lesson option **NEW**

At the beginning of the year, we will require students to set up a zoom account, and have the teacher and student accept each other as contacts. This will enable the student and teacher to conduct online lessons if need be. In order to keep fluency and momentum in our lessons, both students and teachers will need to be flexible to accommodate online lessons when necessary. While we prefer in-person lessons, there are some possible reasons for online lessons:

- If student or teacher (or their households) are showing signs of sickness
- possible restrictions imposed by Alberta Government or Alberta Health Services
- Imposed quarantine after travel or awaiting covid testing
- bad weather, making travel difficult

Rates as of September 2020

1st Student	2nd Student (same family)	3rd+ Student (same family)
30 minute lesson \$21.00*	30 minute lesson \$23.00*	30 minute lesson \$20.00
45 minute lesson \$31.50*	45 minute lessons \$33.50*	45 minute lesson \$30.00
60 minute lesson \$44.00*	60 minute lesson \$42.00*	60 minute lesson \$40.00

in- home (mobile) lessons are subject to an \$8.00 fee per household/per week

Lesson dates are scheduled according to the Rocky View School board 2020/2021 calendar

Monday Lesson dates 2020/2021

September 14,21,28 (no lessons 7th)
October 5 ,19, 26 (no lessons 12th)
November 2, 9,16, 30 (no lessons 23rd)
December 7,14 (no lessons 21,28)
January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8,22 (no lessons 15th)
March 1, 15, 22, 29 (no lessons 8th)
April, 12, 19 (no lessons 5th,26th)
May 3, 10, 17, 31 (no lessons 24th)
June 7, 14

Tuesday Lesson dates 2020/2021

September 8,15,22, 29
October 6,13,20,27
November 3,10,17,24
December 1,8,15 (no lessons 22nd & 29th)
January 5,12,19,26
February 2, 9, 23(no lessons 16th)
March 2, 9 16, 23, 30
April 13, 20, 27 (no lessons 6th)
May 4, 11, 18, 25
June 1, 8, 15

Wednesday Lesson dates 2020/2021

September 9, 16, 23, 30 (no lessons 2nd)
October 7, 14, 21, 28
November 4, 18, 25 (no lessons 11th)
December 2, 9, 16 (no lessons 23rd and 30th)
January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 24 (no lessons 17th)
March 3, 10, 17, 24,31
April 14, 21, 28 (no lessons 7th)
May 5, 12, 19, 26
June 2, 9,16

Thursday Lesson dates 2020/2021

September 10, 17, 24 (no lessons 3rd)
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19, 26
December 3, 10, 17 (no lessons 24th & 31st)
January 7, 14, 21, 28th
February 4, 11, 25 (no lessons 18th)
March 4, 11, 18, 25
April 1, 15, 22, 29 (no lessons 8th)
May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3, 10, 17

Friday lesson dates 2020/2021

September 11, 18, 25 (no lessons 4th)
October 2, 16, 23, 30 (no lessons 9th)
November 6, 1, 20, 27
December 4, 11, 18 (no lessons 25th)
January 8, 15, 22 (no lessons 1st & 29th)
February 5, 12, 26 (no lessons 19th)
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 16, 23, 30 (no lessons 2nd & 9th)
May 7, 14, 28 (no lessons 21st)
June 4, 11, 18