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Welcome to Piano 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 piano playing be unavoidably contagious.

In piano lessons, the student will learn how to note- read, count rhythms, phrasing, posture, sight-read, intervals, and how to pedal. A well-rounded repertoire of songs will be chosen with student's technical ability and interest in mind. Learning to perform is part of becoming a musician. We will look for appropriate opportunities for this to happen throughout the year, according to the current permissible gathering standards given by the government.

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 support the local music festival "Airdrie Rotary Festival of Performing Arts", which occurs each Spring. We highly recommend that each student participate in festival and benefit from excellent adjudication and performing opportunity. More information about festival can be found on their website www.airdrierotaryfestival.org Lessons during the week of festival will likely be rescheduled as master classes in order to better prepare for festival performances. At this time, it is unknown as to whether participating in festival will be a possibility, due to the covid-19 restrictions.

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.

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The Basics:

1. For general lessons, you will be required to buy a notebook, theory book and a lesson book. Students learn at different rates, so some students may need to buy an additional lesson book during the year if they have progressed to the next level. Sometimes we will supply additional music. If you already have a supply of music books, we are happy to pick and choose from them if they are at an appropriate level. For Royal Conservatory based lessons, there are some additional books required. For simplicity's sake, we buy the music books (in Calgary) and add the book fees to your account.

2. Teaching music lessons is our 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 piano 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. A fee of \$20 will be charged for any NSF cheques, and late-payments will be subject to a \$10 charge.

4. Missed lessons policy

Depending on which day you have lessons, there are 31-36 lessons over the course of the music lesson year. We purposely plan our lesson dates according to Rocky View school calendar, to avoid conflicts with holidays and disruptions in schedules.

If there is a way we can change a lesson to accommodate a schedule conflict that arises for you, we will try to do that, however, this is not guaranteed, and the expectation should be that missed lessons are charged, whether rescheduling has happened or not.

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 \$23.00*	30 minute lesson \$21.00	30 minute lesson \$20.00
45 minute lessons \$33.50*	45 minute lesson \$31.50	45 minute lesson \$30.00
60 minute lesson \$44.00*	60 minute lesson \$42.00	60 minute lesson \$40.00

*In-home (mobile) added premium of \$8.00 per household per week

Lesson dates are scheduled in accordance with the Rocky View 2020/2021 School 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

