

Pineapple MUSIC STUDIO



*MUSIC DELIVERED TO
YOUR HOME!*

Your Guide to Successful Music Lessons

Follow these steps to Successful Music Lessons:

PRACTICE:

This may seem obvious, but all too often students don't get into a good practice routine and then wonder why they are not achieving their goals. Follow these steps to ensure good practice habits!

Set a routine from the very beginning. Find the same time of day, every day, to create a practice routine. Many students find first thing in the morning to work the best before the busyness of the after-school crunch. Set a practice goal with your teacher for the week.

Be sure you and your student know what to practice before your teacher leaves. Look over the assignment book left by your teacher and make any notes needed so there are no questions. If you have a question during the week, feel free to reach out to your teacher for clarification!

Be involved! Sit with young students during practice time. Listen to older students practice and mention struggles to your teacher if the student does not.

Have a pleasant, clean and organized, and distraction free practice space where your student will want to spend time.

GET TO KNOW YOUR TEACHER:

Your teacher's goal is your student's success! Use your teacher as a resource to help you set practice goals and overcome hurdles.

Trust that your teacher is the trained expert and allow them to do their job of teaching your child the joy of learning an instrument.

Let your teacher know of any learning strategies that have worked well with your student in the past, or any learning challenges your student may be facing.

Have a Quality Instrument FOR YOUR STUDENT:

A quality instrument will help students know you are invested in this venture, bring joy in practicing, and help both of you to weather the bumps in the road that come with learning a new skill.

Music students who start lessons with a quality instrument have a much higher rate of lesson longevity than those that have an inadequate instrument. Starter instruments do not have to be top-of-the-line, but they do need to be able to adequately perform what the student is learning.

Piano students should have a full keyboard with weighted keys, a working pedal and a bench of the proper height. Guitar students should have an instrument that fits their body size, has an action that feels good to the student, and strings that hold their tuning. Voice students should have access to a piano or keyboard for their practice and lessons.

There are more tips and resources about instrument purchases on our website!

Make Lessons a Family Event:

Be involved! No matter your musical background, your student will need you to be involved. There will be times when your student will need your help, support and reminders about lessons and practice time- and that's ok!

It is perfectly normal to have to remind your student to practice, the same way you would about completing homework from school.

Have your student perform for others whenever possible!

Help your other family members understand that practice time and lessons should be as distraction free as possible.

Don't let your student give up when their interest wanes. Having some ups and downs in interest is perfectly normal, so don't be afraid of some rough waters. Let your student know that music lessons are a priority and you are fully supporting them. Talk with your teacher about it, and remember, learning a new skill is highly rewarding once it is achieved, but does take effort!

Lesson Time success:

Help each lesson be successful by ensuring a distraction free environment.

Provide a pleasant, clean, and organized space for your student to work. Lesson books should be out and ready for your teacher, electronics put away or turned off, and conversations removed to another room.

Feel free to listen in on the lesson but allow your teacher and student to work together during the lesson time. If you have questions, save them for the end. This will allow your student and the teacher to develop a positive relationship, and for your student to begin to take ownership of their lessons.

Attend as Many Events as Possible:

One of the wonderful benefits of being part of a large studio is the variety of opportunities we offer! These are all included in your tuition and are part of a carefully structured program. The more that your student can take advantage of, the more complete their lesson experience will be.

Recitals, group lessons, and festivals help motivate students towards excellence, give performance experience, help students engage with other musicians, and expose them to music they may not otherwise hear or even music or new instruments they may be able to play one day.

Stay Connected:

Mark your calendars for what's coming up in our studio! Your student will benefit from participating!

Stay in the loop of what's going on in the studio, student achievements and upcoming events by liking us on Facebook!

Read our e-newsletter that is emailed out to you.

Review upcoming events with your teacher for further information and how your child can participate.

EXPOSE YOUR STUDENT TO MUSIC:

Musicians should listen to music!

Encourage your student to listen to music. Your teacher can make some great suggestions for you!

Go to live concerts so students can see and hear professionals making music and be inspired!

ENJOY!:

Having a musician in your home has its benefits!

Don't forget to enjoy the thrill of seeing your student perform at each recital!

Feel a sense of accomplishment when your student finally masters that section or piece they have been working so hard on!

Enjoy having music fill your home!

STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PROGRAM ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. Practice 4-5 times a week. Young student should plan to spend 10-20 minutes a day practicing. That number will increase as they progress in age and experience.
2. Participate in recitals. All students are expected to perform in at least one large recital a year.
3. Attend at least one group lesson a year.
4. Be respectful of their teacher and complete the weekly assignments to the best of their ability.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE TIPS AND RESOURCES

FOR EVEN THE MOST NON-MUSICAL PARENT!

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