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"Music is love in search of a voice"

Lev Tolstoy

This Month

Valentine's Week

February 14th to 19th we will celebrate Valentine's week at Music Steps. Since our main focus remains the blues, we'll celebrate love and friendship through short valentine's themed musical games



Back In Person

I am delighted to remind you that starting Monday, January 31st, we are allowed to meet again in person. As mentioned before:

- This will not affect those who have been online since September
- I am happy to continue online with those who are not yet ready to return to the studio
- Please continue the screening process and stay home if you have any symptoms
- Masks, sanitizing and cleaning procedures will remain in effect as before

We've Got the Blues



Learned so far

As you know, January and February are dedicated to introducing the music genre that was the starting point for many musical styles such as Rock'n'roll, R&B, Rock, Hip-hop-The Blues.

So far we learned:

- A little about its history
- Three of its main elements
 - -12 Bar Blues
 - -Blues Scale
 - -Swinging rhythm
- Left hand patterns
- Piano pieces in blues style or with blues influences

Next steps

Now that we have the basics, we will spend the next month having some fun with:

- Improvisation (making up music on the spot)
- Ensemble playing (those in person and in buddy classes)
- Composing

Time during the lessons is limited, of course, so we couldn't go into more depth. If you or your child would like to explore and learn more, see below for additional resources

Blues Resources

African American history + music collection:

My blues playlist:



Blues history timeline:



Music humor-blues name calculator (my blues name is Peg Leg Legs Davis):

