

DIANE'S PIANO STUDIO *SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER*

We have gotten off to a good start in piano this year. It's hard to believe that this is our last week of the month. Treasure Box this week!

We enjoy being in the piano studio. We have room for playing the piano and keyboards, and for games and movement.



Some students will be getting a new book. I will text you if your child is getting a new one in the next few weeks.

October's schedule will be regularly scheduled classes all month. Melonee Cooper will be substituting for me a few days during the month. She and I are meeting this week to go over lesson plans. Melonee recently retired from teaching music and is looking forward to working with our great group of piano students. She and I taught music education classes at Lamar University this past summer. I know how much our students will learn from her!

Here's that important word but often dreaded word in piano: *PRACTICE!* Let's make it a positive! It makes a difference in your child's progress. It doesn't have to be very long, but it needs to be consistent. A few minutes everyday means consistent growth. Here are some ways to encourage practice:, *"What did you do in piano this week? Show me what you're working on."*

Students will be writing down their completed pieces weekly in their part of a large journal. Everyone has several pages of their own. My goal is that this personal music journal will inspire students to fill up their pages this year and give them a true sense of accomplishment and success. They will only list the pieces they've completed. Hopefully this will inspire practice and preparation for each week's lesson.

Rachel and I are enjoying every student and it's a pleasure to teach them all!

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