

# Musical Milestones

## Checklist for

### Preschool Pianists

#### ages 3.5-4

##### Keyboard Awareness:

- ☐ Identifying high and low sounds
- ☐ Recognizing groups of two and three black keys

##### Finger Numbers & Hand Position:

- ☐ Learning finger numbers (1-5) for each hand
- ☐ Developing a relaxed hand shape

##### Rhythm & Beat:

- ☐ Clapping and tapping steady beats
- ☐ Performing basic rhythms (quarter notes, quarter rests)

##### Listening & Ear Training:

- ☐ Identifying same vs. different sounds
- ☐ Echoing short melodic patterns

##### Singing & Pitch Matching:

- ☐ Singing simple songs with accurate pitch
- ☐ Matching pitch during call-and-response activities

##### Playing Simple Pieces:

- ☐ Playing short pieces on black keys
- ☐ Using one finger or finger groups for melody

##### Musical Expression:

- ☐ Exploring dynamics (loud vs. soft)
- ☐ Recognizing tempo (fast vs. slow)

##### Coordination & Motor Skills:

- ☐ Developing hand-eye coordination
- ☐ Playing with alternating hands

##### Musical Vocabulary & Concepts:

- ☐ Learning basic musical terms (high/low, loud/soft, fast/slow)
- ☐ Understanding the difference between beat and rhythm

##### Social and Classroom Skills:

- ☐ Taking turns and sharing the grand piano
- ☐ Following group instructions and participating in musical games

This checklist provides a structured approach to foundational music skills while ensuring a fun and engaging learning environment for young beginners.