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### **Lynice Prescott Music Lesson Policies and Procedures**

I accept students of all ages and ability levels! Beginners, advanced, adults...all are welcome! (I typically recommend that a child be at least 5 years old before starting them in formal lessons. There are many reasons for this including: size of hands, attention span, ability to follow directions, etc. Whether a student under five is ready can be individually determined.)

#### **Practicing:**

Success can only be achieved by effort and practice! Students who practice several times a week will progress much more quickly than students who do very little practice on their own. I will assign tasks and songs for them to work on at home.

Piano students must have a piano or keyboard available to them for practicing. I can assist in helping find an instrument if needed. Keyboards must have at least 76 keys, but 88 keys are preferred. Also preferred for keyboards is weighted keys or “hammer action” keys.

Voice students will be given a recording of the accompaniment for their songs to use when practicing.

Each student will be given a weekly practicing goal, which will be tailored to them depending on age and/or level.

#### **Practicing incentives:**

Each student will be able to choose a prize from the prize box when they have met their practicing goal for the week. Eligibility for prizes is determined by me. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their own incentive program for their child in addition to what is provided by the teacher. Please keep in mind that if students are rewarded when they haven't put forth the effort, the incentive program will have no value.

#### **Materials:**

Materials for practice will include books, flashcards, a practicing instruction journal and music theory pages. These are an important part of music learning. All materials are provided by me and are included in the monthly price for lessons.

#### **Lesson arrival & dismissal:**

Please arrive on time for your lessons! You may enter the front door up to 5 minutes before your scheduled time. Please don't come in earlier than that, as it may be a distraction to the student before you.

I will do my best to stay on schedule with each student! That includes wrapping up your lesson on time. Please do not expect extra time, due to respect for each student's time.

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**Parking:**

You can park in my driveway or across the street from my house.

**Lesson payment:**

Payment for lessons is paid for the whole month at the first lesson of the month. The total fee is \$100 per month per student. Families who have more than one student will receive a 10% discount for the second student.

**Missed lessons:**

If a student needs to miss a lesson, call me as soon as you know. I will be happy to schedule a different time for a make-up class. If a student does not call ahead, there will be no make-up lesson.

If I need to cancel a lesson, you can decide if you want to reschedule the lesson or skip it. You will not be charged for a skipped lesson that I have canceled.

If you are going out of town, just communicate that with me so that I know what to expect.

You will not be charged for lessons that fall on major holidays, unless you opt to reschedule the lesson, which I am happy to do.

The key here is to miss as few lessons as possible, so that the student's progress will continue!

**Recitals/performance opportunities:**

Being able to share your musical talents/abilities with others is considered part of music learning.

Musicians get better at performing and are less nervous the more they do it! Playing or singing in front of family or friends is a great way to practice performing! I will provide two recital opportunities per year, one around the holidays in December and one in the spring. These are also included in the monthly fee.