



## Studio Policy

### **Tuition**

Your tuition payments ensure my responsibility for your child's musical education for the entire year. This includes not only the weekly lesson time, but many other studio benefits and events. Please consider all the extra time your teacher provides for class preparation, performances, event registrations, book-keeping, professional development, continuing education, and countless hours spent searching for "just the right piece at the right time" to keep your child motivated. See **Tuition Policy** for details.

### **Lessons**

Please be on time for lessons. Tardiness to a lesson cannot be made up. Please do not enter the studio more than 3-4 minutes ahead of time.

Quick parent conferences can be held the last few minutes of the student's lesson, but cannot extend into the next student's lesson time.

To protect the instruments, electronic equipment and music in the studio, no food or drinks are allowed in the studio.

While the restroom is available when necessary, please plan to use the restroom before you arrive for your lesson so I will not have to use teaching time walking students to the restroom and back.

When picking students up, please make sure all music and materials are in their music bag. Please arrange to pick up any items left in the studio within a day or two of the lesson so that practice and progress can take place at home.

### **Attendance**

Although no make-up lessons are offered, an occasional **Face Time** lesson can be arranged during the regular lesson time, provided notice is given to the teacher before noon on the day of the lesson. **Other events**, (Family Nights, piano parties, outside performances, extra rehearsals, etc.), held many times each year, are offered as **free bonus lessons**.

### **Practicing**

Students will need to practice at home to make musical progress. In my studio I stress quality, goal-motivated practicing rather than practicing a certain number of minutes. To help students progress and make the most of their practice time, I provide recordings and accompaniments which they are **required** to listen to and practice with at home.

### **Your piano**

Be certain your piano is kept tuned and in good condition. If your child is using a keyboard it must be touch sensitive, have a pedal, and have 61 keys or more.

After a year or two you will need to invest in either an acoustic piano or a good digital piano with weighted keys to get the full benefit of piano lessons.

### **Contacting your Teacher**

For conferences, discussions, or progress reports, weekday mornings are the best time to contact me on my **cell phone, 813-988-1414**, or email me at **VirginiasPianoStudio@gmail.com**

For quick messages or to cancel a lesson, please **text** my cell phone, **813-988-1414**.

While I do not answer the phone during lessons, I periodically check for messages between lessons.