



Studio Policies 2015-2016

PHILOSOPHY

Believing that every child is musical, Melodic Motion LLC exists to provide individuals of all ages and abilities the opportunity for music making through private piano lessons and early childhood music groups.

TUITION

Tuition is \$105 for 30-minute weekly piano lessons in your home. Tuition is billed in equal monthly payments. Melodic Motion LLC accepts cash, checks, and cards. Payments are due on or before the 7th of each month. A \$10 late fee will be added to the following month's invoice for payments not received by the 7th. A \$25 charge will be added for each returned check.

ADDITIONAL FEES

An annual nonrefundable \$30.00 per family registration fee is due on or before the first lesson. There will be a \$20 per family recital fee added to April's invoice. This fee is used to rent a recital hall.

TUITION DISCOUNTS

For each family you refer to Melodic Motion LLC, you will be credited \$50 toward the following month's tuition. If the new family begins in the summer months (May, June, or July), the credit will be added to August's invoice.

CANCELLED LESSONS

Each student has a reserved spot in the teacher's schedule. If you wish to cancel a lesson, please cancel at least 24 hours in advance. In the case of emergency or illness, please call or text as soon as possible. A reasonable attempt will be made to re-schedule any lessons missed by the teacher. Each student will be given the opportunity for two make-up lessons each semester. Scheduled make-up days are Dec. 28th and 29th for the fall semester and May 23rd-27th as well as May 31st for the spring semester.

TERMINATING LESSONS

One month's notice is required to terminate lessons or cancel more than two lessons because of vacation, etc. If a prior notice is not given, parents will be billed for the lessons missed.

BOOKS

If the student needs books, the teacher will purchase them. The cost will be included on the following month's invoice.

PURCHASING A PIANO

It is essential that students practice on a good quality instrument. Students need to be practicing on a digital or acoustic piano. Keyboards are acceptable as long as they have 88 weighted keys and a pedal. This is very important as each student develops his/her technique and artistry. To get more information on purchasing a piano, talk to your child's teacher.

PRACTICING

The discipline of learning to play the piano can be very rewarding. It can also be very challenging. It is essential that each student practice. Parents have the responsibility of encouraging their child to practice at home. For beginning students, it is good to get into the habit of playing every day even if only 10-15 minutes. Once the Primer Level is completed, students should be practicing at least 5 days a week for 30 minutes each day. As the difficulty of the student's repertoire increases, the practice time should also increase.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

There are several performance opportunities throughout the year. These include a formal Spring Recital and an informal Winter Recital. Students must play their pieces from memory at the Spring Recital. There are additional performance opportunities through the East Valley Music Teachers Association. Check calendar for all dates.

SUMMER LESSONS

Students are highly encouraged to have at least four lessons in the summer. This prevents students from losing skills that they have worked so hard to achieve during the school year and also guarantees the student will have a spot on the teacher's schedule for the next school year.

I have read, understand, and agree to adhere by the policies of Melodic Motion LLC. _____

I agree that Melodic Motion LLC and Christine Heaps are released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that may incur from the enrolled student with the participation of piano lessons, group classes, or piano events. _____

I understand that during student and group gatherings and performances the teacher reserves the right to use video recording or to take photographs of students for use in advertising materials, lesson demonstration and studio website. Photos taken by the teacher OR that are shared with the teacher by other parents or students of lessons, classes, or performances become the property of the studio and can be used at the discretion of the teacher in regards to the studio. The studio follows online safety rules in this matter. _____

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____