



FAQ- Questions for Every Piano Family to Ask

1). *What can I expect in lessons? How about after a year of lessons?*

You can expect a professional, caring and nurturing environment for your child as they grow in their musical endeavours. I teach to each child's strengths and weaknesses as well as personality to encourage your child to be the best they can be on their instrument. In the first year, you can expect that your child will learn posture and form at the piano; learn to listen to the sound they make; learn to take directions from both yourself and myself; learn concentration and focus; learn to enjoy making music both at home, here in the studio and with others in group lessons and recitals

2). *Do I need an acoustic piano for my child to take lessons?*

The short answer is "yes"!

3). *Where can I find a piano and how much do they cost?*

Good, used piano's are available on Kijiji and the Buy and Sell, as well as on the local Facebook auction sites. They can run anywhere from \$800- \$5000 depending on age, brand and more. New piano's can be purchased from about \$4000 plus and are often available for financing as well. PS Piano's in Prince George is a good source to check out. They also carry used pianos. I am very happy to help you find a piano in your budget and offer advice and even go with you to see it- just let me know!

4). *How often are lessons, and for how long?*

Lessons are weekly, September through June excluding holidays. Lessons are optional over holidays and are paid for separately. Length of lesson is determined by age and level. The average beginner will start at 20-30 minutes and have group lessons once a month in addition to those regular weekly lessons.

5). *What are the expectations for me as the piano parent?*

Glad you asked! I only see your child once a week for 30 minutes- you are at home with them 24/7! Please ensure you are on time for your child's scheduled lessons, that they have used the washroom, their nails are clipped, washed their hands if necessary and/or gotten a drink before lessons begin and please enter quietly. Help your child find time daily for practise when they are not tired and free from distraction and noise. Sit down daily with your younger child and help them practise; sit down weekly with an older child and help them practise. Encourage practise in a positive way and praise their efforts sincerely. Provide your child with opportunities to perform; take your child to see live performances and listen to great music, including classical.

6). *What if my child loses interest in piano?*

That would be entirely normal and I would wonder if your child did NOT show disinterest at some point! What to do? Give me a heads up. Sooner than later- BEFORE you are frustrated! We are team and together we can brainstorm ways to help you at home to encourage and support your child at practise time. When I am aware of this at lessons, I can tailor the lesson to lend support for you as well. It is of great importance that a child learn "grit" and determination as well as persistence when things are tough. Together, we can help you both during this developmental stage and be the better for it for the good of your child!



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