

Mrs V's KEY ISSUES

Piano Notes for October

"PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT"

Practicing 100 minutes per week, one or more weeks, in September were: KATHY MOORE, CADEN JOY, CODY JOY, MYLO GROSS, GUS GROSS, Crockett Patton, NAVYA MODI, Gracie Sadler, SHERRALYN ST CLAIR, AKELA LEAUNAE, Cassie Sion, Violet Wong, ALEC LEITH, QUINN LEITH, HELEN NICHOLSON, THOMAS NICHOLSON, ELLIE SOMMERS, ETHAN SOMMERS, Annie Feng, MATT PENDLETON, CYRUS KAPADIA, Aurora Patton, ROBYN SELKING, Doug Bryant, Courtney Le, LEON TONG, Andre Tabuco, Melanie Vanderschaaf, JOHNNY JUN, and ALYSSA MILLER. Students who practiced at least 100 minutes per week, each week, the ENTIRE month (for which they will receive PIANO DOLLARS) are listed in capital letters. Congatulations!!!

PIANO DOLLARS

SAVE THOSE DOLLARS!!! Although they may *look* like "play" money, when returned to me, the dollars can really buy actual products from a music magazine or from the prize drawers, or can be saved for gift cards, music of your choice, or lesson discounts! (Dollars can be earned by practicing, as mentioned above, by earning lots of "E"s and also by attending piano parties).

PIANO GUILD LETTERS

Letters containing information about Piano Guild Auditions will be sent home with students this month. As stated in my studio policy, all students participate. Students choose, though, how many pieces they would like to learn for the audition. I have all students learn at least two recital pieces for the studio recital in May, so every student should be able to perform those same two pieces for Guild (which takes place in May just prior to the recital). Not only does Piano Guild provide practice incentives and goals (students earn certificates and pins), but it also is an opportunity to obtain additional professional feedback.

PRACTICE CHECK

EACH DAY before practicing, OPEN YOUR ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOK and read what Mrs. V wrote. Those notes are for YOU to help you learn your pieces even better! Remember to check off by each item every time you practice it three times! (Those checks will get you an extra "E" at your lesson!) Make practicing a part of EVERY school day! Each week you follow your practice promise, you also get an extra "E" at your lesson!! Practicing MORE than your practice promise gets an "E" as well. Practicing is a GOOD habit!!! Practice at the SAME TIME each day!

PIANO PARTY

Saturday, October 27th, there will be a Piano-Halloween party at my home FOR STUDENTS ONLY. Invitations (specifying exact times) will be handed out at lessons prior to the party. Party attendance is recommended for the performance opportunity it provides (performing is a skill which needs to be practiced in order to do well at recitals and piano guild). If you cannot attend, a parental email or written excuse is necessary to avoid receiving an "oops" note. Also, if you cannot attend, a video/audio tape of a performance recorded in front of family and friends will be required instead. *Please drive your pianists to and from lessons and parties at the posted neighborhood speed and when parking, please don't block anyone's driveway!*

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

