

The Teacher – Student – Parent Triangle

The relationship of teacher, student and parent is very important to successful piano study. Each of us has certain responsibilities to consider.

As the teacher, I will:

Provide a complete program of music theory, piano technique, musicianship and composition

Remember that each student is an individual with unique talents and abilities; I will tailor their lessons to those individual needs

Monitor each student's progress, always keeping the student and the parents informed of areas of development that need extra attention

Continually study current and new teaching methods and materials

Maintain my skills as a teacher through attendance at workshops and seminars, and through performing at my job as a church organist/pianist and at local events

As the student, you will:

Bring all lesson materials with you each week

Practice carefully at least 5 days each week, following the instructions in your assignment notebook

Deliver to your parents any papers entrusted to you

Ask questions! Please feel free to call me at home, or send me an e-mail

As the parent, you will:

Be enthusiastic! Your praise and encouragement are your greatest motivational tools to assist your child in their studies.

Be sure that friends and family members respect the student's practice time. They need a quiet space with a well-tuned instrument!

Make sure that the students follows through with the assignment noted in their assignment notebook, as mentioned above

Don't allow your child to skip a lesson just because they have had little time to practice. I can always make good use of lesson time!

Realize that there will be times that the student will not feel like practicing. We all have "bad days" ☺ Please notify me if you feel that you have a real problem.

Let your child have fun just "fooling around" on the piano at times. This will encourage creativity and listening skills.