

MEL DIYA LLC

PIANO ACADEMY LLC

Summer Lessons...

Should we or shouldn't we?

Absolutely!

Montessori addresses "window of opportunity" as a time when children absorb concepts and skills more easily and readily than in their older years, when they rely more on difficult memorization and repetition.

Learning to read music requires daily study, and maintenance of reading requires daily practice. Motivation to practice requires consistency in lessons- and the will to improve and refine requires a concert, an exam, or even a performance at home for the family. Kids need carrots to work. While music may seem like work to some, the benefits of music are infinite. Music prepares students to face the many facets of life's events.

Most importantly:

Music teaches kids to be leaders, develop a good sense of self esteem and accomplishment. With a healthy outlook on oneself, the sky is the limit.

I teach during the summer for these reasons. **Continuity is key to success.**

My belief in year round study is unyielding and I strive to work with families who share the same conviction. Take time to reflect on what is important to you and your child. I hope you share the same beliefs I do, and that you make music a priority.

The Benefits of Music Study

- Children who study music from an early age learn discipline and the rewards of hard work
- Consequences of music study include higher achievements in other academic areas
- Studies show a clear correlation between music study and ability in mathematical skills
- The physical act of playing an instrument develops fine motor skills
- Studies have shown that music accelerates brain development, particularly in language acquisition and reading skills
- Neuroscience research indicates that children taking music lessons have a larger growth of neural activity
- Studies have shown that music instruction reliably improves spatial-temporal skills in children over time. These skills are used in solving multistep problems that are seen in architecture, engineering, math, art, and chess. They also help you load a dishwasher more efficiently. :-)
- Studies have shown that children involved with music instruction score more highly on tests than children who do not take music lessons
- Music helps kids become more active listeners
- Music offers a creative outlet for their emotions
- Music helps hone memorization skills
- Music fosters a curiosity to learn new things, and lessens the intimidation factor to tackle "hard things"
- Preparation for recitals, meaning the motivation to do their very best, will carry into their other endeavors with similar determination and perseverance
- Reading and performing music helps children to "think ahead"

Most importantly.....

- Music Study attracts other equally talented and motivated students for **friendship**. Students are easily influenced by their peers. Make music a priority and peers will be kids who have the same goals in common. **Music lends a hand in achievement, success, and the well being of your child.**

- ***Will summer lessons work with our schedule?***
YES!

For many years now, I register students in a summer “package” which is different and unique from the Fall/Winter and Winter/Spring sessions.

You do not pay for a “set of lessons” which are the same time and day week to week, but rather, a “**package of time**” for the summer. You can choose a “time-share” of 10 hours, 7.5 hours, or 5 hours. There’s also an “a-la-carte” option for those of you who can only squeeze in a few lessons due to summer camps, and vacations. If you buy the time share of 10, 7.5, and 5 hours, there is a slight savings.

My hours will be **Monday through Thursday, 3:30-9:30PM** and **Fridays from 9:00AM-1:00.**

- ***How do I sign up for lessons?***
EASY!

Fill out the Registration Form found on the following pages and indicate your days and windows of times that you are open. Make sure to check off the “package” of time that you are purchasing, and indicate the weeks that you will not be here for lessons. If there is a day or two that you are available in a given week, make a note of it and I’ll make it work.

- ***When is Registration due?***

As soon as you know your summer schedule with other activities, send me your form for pre-registration with a \$50 deposit for summer if you’d like to hold off on tuition. For a formal due date, I am requesting **June 4th as the date for tuition to be paid.** Your tuition guarantees your lessons for the summer. The sooner you return the forms, the more likely you will secure the perfect lesson time, and days. This will also give me ample time to determine the summer schedule, and send back to you before the start of the summer semester. As a new student, I will send you other forms to read and sign.

- ***I only want lessons for the summer....***

That’s great! If your kids are enrolled with piano at school during the school year, or if you need a teacher because your current teacher does not work in the summer, just let me know goals and what you hope to accomplish. I’ll help us get there!

- ***Will there be a summer SWAP LIST?***

No. Due to the unique scheduling from week to week, putting together a swap list will be too difficult. If your child is sick, please let me know asap and I can work on getting you in elsewhere. **Advanced notice is key.** If you forget to come to a lesson, or let me know you are not coming right before the lesson, then the lesson has to be forfeited. Thank-you for understanding.

- ***“I still have a keyboard and will likely not purchase or rent a piano.”***

DO reconsider. I am no longer accepting students who do not have a piano, or have no intentions of getting one. There is no way to sugar coat this, but keyboards are toys. If there is no room for a piano, digital pianos are ok compromises. Digital pianos are what they sound to be- a full size 88 key keyboard with touch sensitive and weighted keys, and foot pedals. I teach on a top of the line Kawai upright and a Concert Grand Piano. There is no exceptional substitute for a real piano. Development of great piano technique happens when practicing on a real instrument at home. If you are stalling because your child still hasn’t achieved a consistent practice regiment, consider the instrument they are playing on. Real pianos motivate one to practice more. Farley’s Pianos is worth the trip. They sell pianos in all price brackets and are **VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE** in all aspects of piano and playing. They are excellent.

- ***Why do you collect a Fall Deposit?***

This helps me determine whether I can take on new students, and forecast my schedule. Your fall deposit **GUARANTEES** a Fall Lesson Time, and I will work to make your time, a preferred time. Some students do hold onto their Fall time slots year to year. I will do my best to make this work for everyone. The fall deposit is non-refundable. Be sure of your intentions.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM: MELODIYA PIANO ACADEMY LLC

Student: _____

Parent: _____

Best Phone for contact: _____

Best Email for contact: _____

Address: _____

Piano Instruction Packages: Per student

_____ 5 hours \$350

_____ 7.5 hours \$525

_____ 10 hours \$700

_____ A la Carte: **Fill out below please.**

- How many hours total? _____
- How many "lessons" preferred? _____
- Multiply by \$70/hour if **MORE** than 5 Hours \$ _____
- Multiply by \$75/hour if **LESS** than 5 hours \$ _____

_____ **\$25 per student/\$50 per Family One Time Registration Fee**

_____ **\$50 Fall Deposit - Per Student**

- **Non-Refundable and Requested to save a Fall Lesson Time**
- **If your schedule is FLEXIBLE, and you are unsure with continuing, then don't include the deposit.**

_____ **Materials Fee: TBD**

= \$ _____ Total Due (Include Fall deposit)

INDICATE the WEEKS you need as OFF or indicate days that you ARE in town for that particular week

<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>Days in Town?</u>
_____ June 19-22	_____
_____ June 25-29	_____
_____ July 2-3	_____
July 4-6 = NO LESSONS	
_____ July 9-13	_____
_____ July 16-20	_____
_____ July 23-27	_____
_____ July 30- August 3	_____
_____ August 6-10	_____
_____ August 13-17	_____
_____ August 20-24	_____
_____ August 27-31	_____



SUMMER SCHEDULE PREFERENCES-PLEASE MARK ALL THAT WORK

Student Name: _____

1) **For the Fall:** Are you requesting **30, 45, or 60** minute lessons? **(Circle One)**

- If finances are not an issue, 45 minutes are ideal. Theory, Technique, and Musicianship are hard to fit in 30 minutes.

2) **Do you wish** to participate in the **Fall/Winter Swap List?** **YES NO** **(Circle One)**

3) What are your goals with piano this next school year? **(Please List Below)**

SUMMER 2018 Preferences

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3:30 - 5:00 PM				
5:00 - 7:00 PM				
7:00 - 9:00 PM				
9:00 - 9:30 PM				
TIME	FRIDAY			
9:00 - 11:00 AM				
11:00 - 1:00				

FALL/WINTER 2018/2019 Preferences

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2:00-3:30					
3:30-5:00					
5:00-7:00					
7:00-9:30					

You will receive information at the end of Summer describing activities/events for registration. Stay Tuned for more details on upcoming opportunities!