

Back Porch Music Studio 2023-2024

Piano Parenting 101

Welcome to the wonderful world of piano parenting! Great pianists have a secret weapon. Depending on their age, the secret weapon may no longer play an essential role, but rest assured, in the earliest years of their piano education the impressive development of most great pianists was aided by one especially important weapon...**Great Parents!** Very few great musicians would be great without the support and guidance of great parents.

Here are a few things you can do to encourage greatness in your pianist:

♪ Make practice a priority. When children don't practice, they don't play well and start to believe they can't learn to play the piano. Establish a regular practice time and stick with it as best as you can.

♪ Have your child practice right after their lesson and the very next day. This will help all the following practices to be more effective!

♪ Ask your child to look the piece over before beginning to practice. It will help them to remember and identify any tricky spots we talked about during their lesson.

♪ Consistency is key!! Consistent practice 5 days a week is better than 1 or 2 days of long practice. Learning will soar when your child is able to consistently practice; even if it's only 10-15 minutes/day.

♪ REMIND your children to practice!! My boys wouldn't brush their teeth if they weren't encouraged to do so.

♪ After your children have practiced their assignments for the week, encourage them to go back and play some of their favorites.

♪ Encourage your child to play in front of people when they are beginners. If they begin performing early, they will be less nervous for recitals. Call or Facetime Grandma during practice!

♪ Your words are powerful, so be a cheerleader! Find something to compliment and let your kids know how proud you are of them!

~making life a little more musical!

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