

Piano Guitar & Voice at Movement Center!

CHOOSE A SCHOOL WHICH OFFERS GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Different students require different teaching approaches. Some students progress best with the peer interaction and class motivation of a group session. Other students prefer the focused concentration of an individual one on one lesson. With our Friday Jam sessions, students have a chance to experience both group and individual lessons to help further their music education.



TAKE LESSONS IN A PROFESSIONAL TEACHING ENVIRONMENT

Learning music is not just a matter of having a qualified teacher, but also having an environment that is focused on music education. In a professional school environment a student cannot be distracted by TV, pets, ringing phones, siblings or anything else. With only 1/2 to one hour of lesson time per week, a professional school environment can produce better results since the only focus at that time is learning music. Students in a school environment are also motivated by hearing peers who are at different levels and by being exposed to a variety of musical instruments. In a music school, the lessons are not just a hobby or

sideline for the teacher but a responsibility that is taken very seriously.

MAKE PRACTICING EASIER

As with anything, improving in music takes practice. One of the main problems with music lessons is the drudgery of practicing and the fight between parents and students to practice every day. Here are some ways to make practicing easier:

Time Set the same time aside every day to practice so it becomes part of a routine or habit. This works particularly well for children. Generally the earlier in the day the practicing can occur, the less reminding is required by parents to get the child to practice.

Repetition We use this method quite often when setting practice schedules for beginners. For a young child 20 or 30 minutes seems like an eternity. Instead of setting a time frame, we use repetition. For example, practice this piece 4 times every day, and this scale 5 times a day. The child then does not pay attention to the amount of time they are practicing their instrument, but knows if they are on repetition number 3 they are almost finished.

Rewards This works very well for both children and adult students. Some adults reward themselves with a cappuccino after a successful week of practicing. Parents can encourage children to practice by granting them occasional rewards for successful practicing. In our school we reward young children for a successful week of practicing with stars and stickers on their work. Praise tends to be the most coveted award - there just is no substitute for a pat on the back for a job well done. Sometimes we all have a week with little practicing, in that case there is always next week.

Most Importantly . . .

HAVE FUN!!

Music should be something that you enjoy for a lifetime. So, try not to put unrealistic expectations on yourself or your children to learn too quickly. Everyone learns at a different pace and the key is to be able to enjoy the journey.

**Sign up NOW for
Private Music lessons!**



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Music and Voice Private Lessons

Private lessons are offered for Piano, Guitar and Voice in our Williston and Colchester studios. Private one-on-one instruction allows students to progress at their own pace and gain the best understanding of musical techniques. Students can start private lessons as young as 6 years old. Students can start private lessons any time of the year or month so there is no need to wait to get started. A variety of styles are taught such as pop, jazz, rock, Broadway, and classical. Contact the school office in you location to see which times and days are available.

Q: Do I need a piano at home to take piano lessons?

A: It is ideal if you do have a piano at home, but you can start lessons by using an electric keyboard to practice. We recommend a keyboard that has regular sized keys and a touch sensitive response. A touch sensitive keyboard means if you press a key harder it will play louder and if you press a key softer it will play quieter.

Q: How long does it take to learn an instrument?

A: There is no set answer on how long it takes to learn an instrument. With regular practice a basic level of playing can be accomplished in s few months.

Q: I don't have any musical background or ability; can I still help my child practice?

A: Yes. Even if you don't have a musical background you can ask the teacher advice on how to help your child practice. By simply monitoring that they are doing exercises a certain number of times per day the student will progress. Parents may occasionally sit in on their child's music lesson to get an idea of the proper way a song should sound or how the student should be positioning their hands.

