



Dear Music Partners

Welcome to Music Class! You are particularly important people in our class and at home. I hope you will have a great time learning music with your child this year.

How can Parents/Partners be helpful?

- Be fun, supportive & encouraging.
- Open books to the correct page number for you child rather than let them do it.
- Write notes (in student book) to help yourself and your child.
- Be good pointers during rhythm ensembles and keyboard times.
- Always participate with your child in class during songs, actions, games, etc.
- Be active during practice times at home.
- Do not become overwhelmed! It gets easier, and we repeat LOTS!
- Do not visit with other parents or students during class.

How to Practice?

- Make practice a happy time.
- Motivate your child positively (Let's practice now so we won't miss your favourite TV show later)
- Kids love to hear you play as well so let them point and you play.
- Play *with* your child occasionally to prepare them for ensembles in class.
- Practise your keyboard section plus at least one other section each day.
 - Day #1 – keyboard (K&W pages) & tin sheet
 - Day #2 – keyboard & homework (H pages)
 - Day #3 – keyboard & rhythm ensemble (E pages)
 - Day #4 – keyboard & listening section/rhythm bags (L page)
 - Day #5 – keyboard & singing (S page – for singing not playing)

W&K pages should be played 3-5 times each day at the beginning of the week and later reduced to 1-2 times if song is played with no mistakes.

(tinsheet, singing, rhythm and listening activities can often be done while travelling or while you make supper if you need to find time)

How much to practice?

- Sunshines 10-15 minutes per day 5 times per week
- Sunbeams 15-20 minutes per day 5 times per week
- Moonbeams 20-30 minutes per day 5 times per week

The beginning of the week practices may take longer than the ones at the end of the week. You may wish to split practice time into two shorter periods per day. Please contact me with any concerns or questions. I am here to help your year go great. Let's start a lifetime of music enjoyment today!!

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