

Harp and Piano Policies

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Lesson Payment

- Tuition is to be paid at the first lesson of each month. I charge \$15 per half hour lesson, so if there will be 4 lessons a month, \$60 will be due at the first lesson of each month.

Rescheduling, Cancellation and Makeup Lessons

- 24 hour notice of cancellations must be given in order to either schedule a makeup lesson or receive a refund.
- If I need to cancel a lesson, a makeup lesson will always be scheduled.
- You cannot make up a makeup lesson.

Summer/School Breaks

- I plan on teaching every week (Breaks included), but necessary arrangements may be made based on circumstances.

Illness

- If your student is sick, please cancel the lesson as far in advance as you can. A makeup lesson will be rescheduled.

Lesson Time

- Please arrive for your lesson no more than 5 minutes early. I will make sure each student gets their full 30 minutes of lesson time.
- Bring practice chart (will be provided at first lesson) as well as your books and repertoire that you are working on.
- Parents of students younger than 10 years old are encouraged to stay during lessons and help students practice to ensure that the information in the lessons is retained and understood. If your student is over 10, you are still welcome to stay during lessons.
- I understand that no student is perfect, but I do expect students to be respectful during lessons and to give their best effort in lessons as well as in practicing.

Practicing

- Students are expected and encouraged to practice outside of lessons. Typically if a student's lesson is a half hour, they should be practicing about a half hour a day. Parent involvement is encouraged and expected for students under the age of 10.
- Listening to repertoire counts as practice time.

Teaching Method

- For harp, I teach a mixture of the Suzuki method and the Traditional method. I typically start students using the Suzuki method, which focuses on learning by ear, but I also start teaching theory and sight reading from relatively early on. As the student advances, I lean to more traditional teaching and repertoire.
- For piano, I teach using the Traditional method.

Instruments

- For both harp and piano, the student must have their own instrument at their own house to practice on.
- Students are not required to bring their instruments to lessons.
- Electric pianos must have at least 88 keys (a full sized piano) and have weighted keys to count as their instrument. Learning on an insufficient instrument would be a disservice to their playing ability.
- Lap harps do not count as harps.