

Music for Young Children

Studio Policies, Procedures, and Payments

2024-2025



Pre-Year Zoom

Before class starts in the fall, I will conduct a mandatory Zoom meeting for all grown-ups. The grown-up who will be accompanying the child to class must be present for this meeting. We will discuss expectations for class time, how to conduct homework/practice at home, and any questions you may have.

Parking

There are two gravel parking spaces next to the garage that are available for students. Otherwise, please park on the driveway without blocking the garage entrance.

Before Class

Arriving a couple of minutes before your class time will leave you and your child an opportunity to remove shoes and jackets, wash your hands, and prepare your materials for class. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your scheduled class. You are welcome to bring slippers to wear in the music studio after you leave your outdoor shoes in the shoe trays in the hallway. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the studio.

After Class

Please gather your possessions and your child as quickly as possible. I have five minutes to see everyone out before I need to gather myself for the next lesson. If you have questions or concerns, we can schedule another time during the week for FaceTime or a phone call. If you would like to continue a conversation with other adults, you are welcome to socialize in the front yard.

Grown-Up Participation

The grown-up responsible for homework/practice must be present and participate in all classes. The grown-up's job is to help facilitate the teacher and learn the material along with your child. You will never be responsible for teaching your child - just finding pages in the books, locating materials quickly, and assisting in transition from the keyboard to activities in other parts of the room.

Homework/Practice (not for Sunrise)

The second job for the grown-up is to make sure homework/practice happens five days per week at home. Multiply your child's age by two to calculate their approximate daily practice time. (There is no homework/practice at the Sunrise level.) Please save visiting with other grown-ups for another time. Have fun with your child - enthusiasm is contagious!

Siblings

This is the time for you and your child to focus on music. While babies are always welcome, I ask that no siblings over one year old be brought to music class unless a special arrangement has been made with me beforehand.

Electronics

Grown-ups, leave your cell phone on "silent" and tucked away. You are welcome to take video or photos of your child during class as long as you can simultaneously be available to facilitate your child. Please do not bring any other electronics to class.

Food, Drink, Gum, Toys

Please leave these in your car and do not bring them to class.

The Instrument

A piano or touch-sensitive keyboard with 88 full-sized keys is required for students to practice at home. Students also need a bench (possibly with additional cushions to raise the height), and a stool to put under their feet (if the student's feet do not touch the ground when seated) for proper body positioning. The acoustic piano should be tuned at least once a year, and keyboards should be kept in good repair.

Missed Class

In the event of a missed class, you will be emailed the homework sheet. There are no lesson fee refunds for missed classes. Classes which must be cancelled because of inclement weather, teacher illness, etc. will be made up. There are two make-up class days on the calendar. If more than two weeks of class need to be made up, another make-up class will be scheduled at a time convenient to most students.

Mid-Year Withdrawal

Signing up for a class implies that you will continue for the entire teaching year. Because of the structure of the program, another child cannot take your place because they will be behind the class. If you find you need to withdraw from the class in the middle of the teaching year, please give me at least four weeks notice before stopping classes, as I might be able to help. No refunds will be given. If you are experiencing an extended family emergency, please let me know!

Recital

A recital will take place at the end of the teaching year. This is a fun time to perform and celebrate all we have learned throughout the year!

Favorite Things Class (Sunrise only)

Instead of a recital, Sunrise level will have a "Favorite Things" class at the end of the teaching year. Sunrise students and grown-ups will be able to submit requests for their favorite activities and songs from the year. I will do my best to cover all of them!

Payments (Materials and Tuition)

Registration/Materials Fee

This fee pays for the materials (other than lesson books) you will use in the class during the year. It will also secure your spot in the class and is non-refundable unless your class does not make.

Tuition

You may choose to pay in one lump sum or three equal payments. I accept payments through Intuit Quickbooks Online by credit card or bank transfer, and checks can also be made out to *Melinda Goodwin*. Yearly tuition increase will be announced in May for the next school year.

Late Fee

A late fee of \$40 will be assessed if the tuition payment is not received by five days after the due date.

Recommendation Credits

This year, I will be offering a \$100 credit to the account of any previously enrolled family who recommends a new student to any of my Music for Young Children classes. The student who is recommended must enroll in a class and attend 3 classes before the credit will be given.

October Start Class Prices and Payment Schedule

**The last segment of Sunshine, Sunbeams, and Moonbeams will lack 4 weeks of finishing the year. The class as a whole may decide to schedule and attend the last 4 classes. In that case, the remaining \$200 of Tuition 3 will be charged.*

Sunrise

(2 years old by 5/30/2024) - 45 minute class, 30 classes, 6 student maximum

Registration/Materials Fee: \$13

Tuition and Materials: 3 payments of \$489 each

- due the weeks of September 30, December 9, and March 3

Sunshine 1

(3 and 4 years old by 5/30/2024) - 60 minute class, 36 classes, 4 student maximum

Registration/Materials Fee: \$46

Tuition and Materials 2 payments of \$646 each, and 1 payment of \$446

- due the weeks of September 30, January 13, and April 14

Sunbeams 1

(5 and 6 years old by 5/30/2024) - 60 minute class, 36 classes, 4 student maximum

Registration/Materials Fee: \$46

Tuition and Materials: 3 payments of \$646 each, and 1 payment of \$446

- due the weeks of September 30, January 13, and April 14

Moonbeams 1

(7 and 8 years old by 5/30/2024) - 60 minute class, 36 classes, 4 students maximum

Registration/Materials Fee: \$46

Tuition and Materials: 3 payments of \$646 each, and 1 payment of \$446

- due the weeks of September 30, January 13, and April 14

**Cut-off birthdays for each class are a guide and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis*