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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Gunnerson Piano Studio. In order for our schedules to run smoothly, it is necessary for everyone to know my yearly plans and studio policies.

A yearly non-refundable fee of \$350 per student is paid by June 15, 2019 with the returned signed policy and application. This sum covers all music, recitals, festival fees, and local competition fees for the studio year. The State Competition and National Competition fees will be collected as needed. Students performing in Concerto Competitions will be required to pay for an accompanist.

Lessons begin September 9, 2019. Tuition is based on a schedule of 32 one-hour lessons during the year. Four equal payments of \$720 are due on August 1, 2019, October 15, 2019, January 1, 2020, and March 1, 2020 payable by cash, check, pay pal, or credit card. Summer lessons are offered. All tuition payments are non-refundable. Students entering the studio mid-year will be prorated.

-----Students must arrive and depart from lessons in a timely fashion, no more than 10 minutes on either side of the appointed lesson time. Please do not park in the driveway.

-----Make up lessons will not be offered.

-----Teacher missed lessons will be made up.

-----A maximum of one missed lesson due to inclement weather will be added.

-----Please make all checks payable to Debra Gunnerson.

The following weeks are not included in the normal lesson schedule: November 25-29, 2019 (Thanksgiving), December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020 (Winter break), March 23 – 27, 2020 (Music Teachers Conference), April 6 – 10, 2020 (Spring Break). All other school holidays and teacher planning days are not vacation days for piano students and their regular schedule will apply.

Beginning students are expected to practice at home six times per week for a minimum of one hour. Intermediate and advanced students must practice longer. In addition to having a piano available for practice each day, every student must own a metronome, own a small music dictionary, and keep their nails trimmed to achieve the correct hand position.

All students perform in three studio recitals, one each trimester: the holiday recital, the ensemble recital, and the year-end recital, times and dates TBA. Solo and Concerto music for recitals must be memorized. I also offer Competitions (Local, State, and National), festival activities, and many recitals outside the studio in addition to the three studio recitals. These activities are important goals to strive for throughout the year. The final decision to perform in any event is determined by the teacher.

The entire month of February is designated Ensemble month, beginning January 27, 2020 through March 6, 2020. All students attend lessons with their duet partner in the studio to prepare for the second recital. No solo lessons are given in February. An alternate lesson schedule is required for the month of February.

In addition to external activities, I will hold three workshops during the school year. These special weeks are group activities and take the place of the student's regular lesson. Students must attend these workshops to learn how to listen, critique, and analyze piano performances through their own performances, as well as their peers.

I look forward to seeing you in September. Come prepared to work.

Sincerely,
Debra Gunnerson

I have read and agree to all the policies for the Gunnerson Piano Studio.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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