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What's New for Dana

More birthdays! Ryan turned 5 on May 26, and Megan turned 3 on June 3 (her golden birthday!) Always a fun time with family on these special days.

Another great year for T-ball and baseball. Ryan played on the A's team, and got some good hits this year. Will's team was also the A's, and they won the championship game for the second year in a row! It was a nail-biter. The

opposing team tied it up at the top of the last inning with 1 out. Then we got a double-play, giving them their final 2 outs, We won by 1 point! Will also pitched this year, and, nearly every inning he pitched was a no-hitter.

Evie also had a fun volleyball season. They made it to the semi-finals and lost by only a few points. Proud Mamaw! 🍷



Hadlee



Natalea & Megan

Will & Jonathan

Ryan

Megan

Andrea & Evie

Landree's last day of school

COMMUNITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JACKSON ABRAMS	6.9
SELASE AKAFUAH	6.11
DANA MARTIN	6.21

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER LESSON WEEKS

JUNE 6
JUNE 20
JULY 11
JULY 18

SUMMER GROUPS

THURSDAYS 1:00-2:30 ON
JUNE 9
JUNE 23
JULY 14

JUNE

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KEYS

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: MATEO WORHUNSKY



Mateo

Hello, my name is Mateo and I am nine years old. I started playing the piano when the school lockdown started and taught myself to play the piano by using an app. Then, I

started lessons with Dana in October of last year and it's been great.

I have four other members in my family and they're my dad, my mom, my sister, and my baby brother. My dad's name is Dave Worhunsky and my mom's name is Andrea Cordovez. My two siblings' names are Ileana and Tomas Worhunsky.

I go to the Lexington School and I am in fourth grade, about to go to fifth grade. My favorite subject is math, although I like science and LA/SS too. I might join my school team next year, but currently I play for LSC (Lexington Sporting Club) and for the Olympic Development Program of

Kentucky. I also like drawing and playing the piano while I am bored or as an after activity

My favorite soccer team is FC Barcelona, but I like watching any European soccer game on TV. I like other sports teams, like the NBA team Boston Celtics and the NFL team Patriots. And I of course like UK, too.

My favorite book (series) is the Alan Gratz books. I love realistic fiction/history and love his action and adventure in his book. I also like how he puts realistic facts in there too so that I can also learn some stuff. I can't pick my favorite movie/TV show because I think that almost every movie I watch, I think it is ALWAYS AMAZING. Some of my favorite hobbies include, playing soccer, playing video games, playing with Tomas, drawing, and playing the piano and random music on drums and recorders (because I don't really know how to play them).

A great award I have had in school when I used to live in Connecticut was being the student of the year in all of the kindergartens in the county! I was also

+ TIPS

**Retrieval Practice,
a scientific learning
strategy**



1

Retrieval practice is bringing information to mind without the help of supporting materials.

Here's how to apply it to piano practice.

2

Repetition of a tricky passage can help eliminate difficulty; however, mindless repetition may only lead to temporary mastery.

3

Limit repetition of a passage to three times. To keep the mind engaged, on the third repetition, set a goal to play it with zero errors.

4

Try to practice only when your attention is engaged, and stay away from mind-numbing repetitions.

Mother's Day Composing

Some of my students (see below) composed a special song for their mothers for Mother's Day. I got the idea from another teacher, and we thoroughly enjoyed this project. Some of the moms told me how much they enjoyed their young composers! ●



Recital 2022

MATEO (continued from p. 1)

student of the month of the school in first grade several times.

One very special event in the school this year was going to the Capitol in Frankfort on a field trip. I really enjoyed it and had a lot of fun getting to know all the facts that I didn't know were true of the Capitol. Another event that I enjoyed was our celebration for an (almost) perfect season in soccer, and I really liked the celebration.

The reason I have been taking classes this year is simply because I want to learn more piano. I also like that it doesn't have to be virtual classes, because when I tried that, I didn't like it at all. I like that I am taking classes with a wonderful teacher that shows me a lot of stuff and that is really nice and helps me

out on a lot of things when I can't do it. One music goal that I really want to achieve is finishing the 30 piece challenge. Even though the 30 piece challenge has finished, I still want to get to 30 pieces by the end of about July.

I was amazed the first time I heard Mateo play the piano because he was already playing level 3 music, completely self taught using an app. Mateo is always up for a challenge, and enjoys bringing music he's interested in learning, including classical and pop. His commitment level is refreshing, especially since he also loves and plays team sports. I love that he's set a personal goal to finish the 30-Piece Challenge. With his determination and practice ethic, I'm confident he will achieve all his music goals. ●

