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What’s New for Dana

June is always a big family month. We celebrated my birthday, then Father’s Day and our son, Jon-Michael’s birthday when we visited them. Making the trip to Arkansas to see Jon-Michael and family via Missouri where we visit my dad has become a beloved June tradition. A day at the lake with all the kids and grands was a highlight of the trip. Getting to

hear Jon-Michael preach is always a treat. The kids got to enjoy a fun night at Jon-Michael’s church where they played in bubbles, water slides and more. Games are always a favorite pastime with family, and at Dad’s we played cornhole, cards and board games. ●



Back row: Jonathan, Andrea, Megan, Dana, Evie, Anthony, Jon-Michael; Middle row: Will, Hadlee, Tiffany; Front row: Ryan, Natalea, Landree

Ryan & Natalea

Megan & Landree

Will & Ryan in front of a DeLorean

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

JOSIE SIMS
PARKER SIMS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AUDREY KELLEY	7.10
PEYTON HUNT	7.23
EVIE CAREY	7.28

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY LESSON WEEKS

JULY 11
JULY 18

NO LESSONS WEEKS

JULY 25
AUG 1

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

AUG 8

WE LOVE OUR PETS!

July has been “We Love Our Pets” month for the past several years now. I love seeing the students with their pets each year, and how the pets (and kids) have grown!



Peyton and Piper with Maggie, 2-year-old Aussiedoodle (left) and Winnie, 11-month-old Mini Aussiedoodle (right). “My dogs like to lick me everywhere and jump on me! I love to play, chase, and love on my dogs. Maggie has one blue eye and one greenish-brown eye. Winnie has two dark eyes, but one eye has a little bit of blue.”



Emma and Grace with Finn, 12-year-old Puggle and Bean, 16-year-old Frenchton. They both love to cuddle their people and take naps.





TIPS

Sticky notes for EASY practice



1

Setting boundaries for the eyes can be extremely beneficial for those who look ahead and anticipate and even panic about what's coming next.

2

Place sticky notes on either side of one measure (or just a portion of it) so the student only has to focus on the tasks within the boundary. Practice that one measure slowly until you can play it without errors 3 times in a row.

3

The intimidation factor of the entire piece is removed and makes it "simple." Biting off a small chunk is "easy to chew" and an attainable goal that brings success.

4

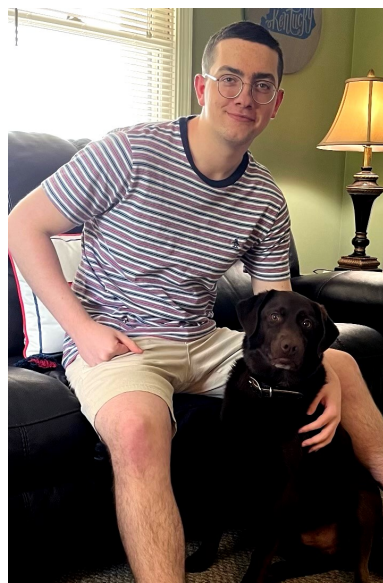
This feeling of success will make the next measure that much easier and drives the student to move the sticky notes to a new measure and do it again!



Rachel's German Shepherd, Charlie, 7. His favorite things are his ice cream cone, ball, and car rides.



Murphy and Oliver, 8-year-old Yorkshire Terrier. He always challenges big dogs and thinks he's much bigger than the 4 lbs he is.



Brad and Barkley, 4-year-old Chocolate Lab. Barkley loves to hunt moles.



Joseph and Prancer, 6-year-old Dachshund. Prancer loves to get in the pool!

An Amazing Year

As we're winding up this music year, I'm amazed at all that we've done this year at Dana Martin Studio. Please take a minute and read about all that we've accomplished in the last 12 months and even a few things you might see in the year ahead.

I'm looking forward to another great year of music learning and music making! I have lots of fun ideas to implement in the coming months that I'm sure the students will love!

WHAT WE DID:

1. Started last August with a 100-Day Practice Challenge. Several students made it to the 50- and 75-day marks, and 8 students completed this difficult challenge!
 2. Celebrated last year's Practice Competition leaders with a fun pizza party complete with Minute-to-Win-It games
 3. Christmas Recital with fun solos and duets
 4. Our biggest ever Spring Recital with 33 students participating!
 5. Completed 906 pieces toward the 30-Piece Challenge, with several students surpassing the goal!
 6. 22 students earned their One-Minute Club badge in at least one of five levels
 7. SCAPA student performances
 8. Kentucky Fine Arts performances
 9. Fifteen students composed a Mother's Day piece for their mom
 10. Practiced a total of 38,511 minutes in the Practice Competition and received lots of recognition and awards!
 11. Fifteen students "traveled" to Brazil and Ghana in our Virtual Holiday group classes this summer
- ...AND LOTS MORE!



Kasi with Tinsley (3) and Hannah (5), Havanese. Spoiled. They love to snuggle and don't like going out in the snow or rain.



Scarlett with Sunny, 2-year-old Pomapoo (Pomeranian/Poodle). She likes salmon cat treats over all dog treats.



Emily's 6-year-old Yorkshire mix, Zooey

