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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Happy birthday to Landree who turns 6 on September 6, her golden birthday!

Anthony and I discovered Olive Garden's Italian doughnuts when we ate there on our anniversary earlier this year. Since then, we've been there several times, always ordering the doughnuts for dessert. I highly recommend them with caramel sauce!

Soccer season has begun, and we're spending our Saturdays in Louisville watching Will, Natalea and Ryan play soccer. Fun with the grands!



1st Day of School:
Evie (8th), Will (5th), Natalea (3rd), Ryan (K)

Andrea, Megan

Hadlee



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MURPHY COOTS

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Murphy

Murphy lives with his dad Roger, mom Lisa, sister Gracie, and dog Oliver.

He's a third-grader at Rosa Parks Elementary, and his favorite subjects are math and STEM.

Activities that Murphy enjoys are Minecraft, building Lego City with his friends, Star Wars Lego battles, drawing, writing, comic books, and swimming.

Murphy's favorite movie is *Star Wars*, and he enjoys reading *Dog Man* books and watching the UnSpeakable YouTube channel.

He likes to travel by plane, not car. He recently went to Lake Tahoe and Mammoth Lakes, but had the most fun at a wave pool. He's hoping to go to the beach soon.

Murphy loves music and wanted to learn the piano and loves taking lessons.

Murphy is a very enthusiastic beginner. He works hard and is always eager to play his songs right. He has a real "Can Do" approach to learning which makes being his teacher a joy!



Don't practice until you get it right. Practice until you can't get it wrong.



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

- MADISON BONIN
- PAIGE BONIN
- VINCE DE YOUNG
- HOLLIE HUNT
- PAXTON SMITH
- LOVE' THOMPSON
- ANDREA TIMONEY
- NATALIE TIMONEY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- VINCE DE YOUNG SEP 12
- ALEX QUNN SEP 13
- OLIVIA RUSSELL SEP 14
- CODY BOST SEP 17
- MURPHY COOTS SEP 19
- CLAIRA DOMINICK SEP 19



IMPORTANT DATES

- FALL PERORMANCE SAT, SEPT 24
- CHRISTMAS RECITAL DEC 12

FALL PERFORMANCE

We have really missed getting to play for our senior community these past couple years. It's a favorite event for the students as well as the seniors.

We will begin choosing our pieces this week for the performance.

Please make about 20 "Thinking of You" cards to present to the residents.

Here are the details:

FALL PERFORMANCE

2:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPT 24

MAGNOLIA SPRINGS

2701 Magnolia Springs Dr, Lexington

Please RSVP this week by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/fprsvp2022



PRACTICE TIPS

*When NOT to practice...
3 instances when your student shouldn't practice and 1 ideal time*

1

As a Punishment or a Chore. Treating piano practice as a happy activity will prevent him from associating piano with negativity and/or attempting to practice when he's emotional or angry. Piano practice should be treated as a desirable daily activity in the home.

2

When Your Student is Exhausted. Attempting to get a child to practice when she's physically or emotionally tired is never a good idea. Pushing practice on a child who is very tired doesn't result in progress. Instead, it creates feelings of inadequacy and negativity towards the piano. If you notice that your child is frequently tired at the piano, find a new practice time when she's fresh and ready to learn.

3

When the Family is Rushed or Distracted. "Cramming sessions" at the piano are never a good idea. What should be a happy time spent enjoying the music-making process can quickly take a downward turn if practice becomes a frenzied checklist of tasks to complete in an impossibly short amount of time.

4

The Perfect Time to Practice? It is possible to create an environment that is ideal, if not perfect. First, choose a time of day that works best for your student —when he's generally in a good mood and free from distractions. If you make it part of his daily responsibilities, such as homework, etc., soon it will be a part of his regular routine. The important thing is to let go of the times when practice is not going well, and praise and encourage your student during the (even small) successes.



PIZZA PARTY FUN

We had our pizza party on August 20 for everyone who qualified during the Practice Competition. We had pizza and cookies and played fun Minute-to-Win-It games including Chopsticks Pick Up, Snowman Stack, Mummy Wrap, Straw Race, Ping Pong Transfer, Moving On Up, Hold the Dice and Fruit Loop Thread. Several students couldn't make it, but we still had a blast as you can see from the pics. Hope YOU can be there next year!

