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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Anthony and I celebrated our 41st anniversary on May 3 with dinner out at Tony's.

Ryan turned 4 on May 26. He's into trucks and tools. He loves going to the "hardwork" store with his dad and helping him build and put things together. He's a whiz with a drill.

Megan turned 2 on June 3. She's into anything she can get into,

especially Mamaw's phone and purse. She got a scooter for her birthday, and she's a natural.

Evie enjoyed her first year playing volleyball and even made it to the playoffs.

Will's baseball team beat the #1 team in the playoffs, and they'll play the championship game next week. Go Angels!



Megan is 2! Ryan is 4! Ryan drills like a pro Evie with "Coach" Melissa Landree's last day of school Ryan won the water pistol game at his party!



Hadlee's last day of school

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COMMUNITY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

LILIA OTTLEY	6.3
DANA MARTIN	6.21
TANNER BLACK	6.28

IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER LESSONS

- JUNE 7 WEEK
- JUNE 14 WEEK
- JULY 12 WEEK
- JULY 19 WEEK

SUMMER GROUP CLASSES

JUNE 9, 16, JULY 14, 21

ONLINE REVIEWS



Here's a recent review from a happy student:

Dana is an excellent teacher for adult students and a wonderful encourager. I have learned so much.
—Lousetta C.

If you would like to leave a detailed review, please visit g.page/danamartinstudio/review. Thank you!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: TRUETT BLACK



Truett

Elementary this fall.

Truett loves school and learning new things. She loves science, but her favorite subject is math. Truett is excited about going back to school with her friends. She has definitely missed them while in homeschool this last year.

Truett loves to read. She is the best at making different voices for the characters in the story. Her favorite book is *Tea for Ruby* by Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York. She has memorized the whole book and loves to recite it!

Meet Truett Harper Black. She lives with her parents, Doug and Shawna, brothers Tyler and Tanner and Tess the cat.

She homeschooled this past school year but will enter second grade at Stamping Ground

She's not a big TV or movie watcher. She would rather be doing anything related to art or outside exploring and taking care of her garden and flower beds.

She is a very good card player. She played basketball through Upward and is hoping to do that again this year.

Truett always looks forward to our family vacation every summer. This year we are taking an extra trip to Texas, and she is super excited.

Taking piano lessons was a great way to introduce music this year in homeschool.

Truett has loved it and practices several times during the day. She loves to see how quickly she can memorize a song. She is very independent and does everything wholeheartedly.

Truett finds joy in everything she does. From seeing how fast she can find the correct hand position to playing duets, we enjoy our time together every week!

SPRING RECITAL 2021



DANA'S PRACTICE TIP

Practicing during the summer

Let's face it — it's hard to remember to practice when you're out of your regular routine. Add that to the fact that we don't have lessons every week during the summer months, and you've got a recipe for not being prepared the weeks you *do* have lessons.

What to do? Why not make a NEW routine—just for summer.

I know it's fun staying up late and then sleeping in the next morning, but you still have responsibilities and chores to do, right? So, here's what I recommend:

- ♪ Make a list or chart of your daily responsibilities, including piano practice

- ♪ Check off each task when completed

- ♪ Reward yourself with a treat for finishing everything on your chart

It's important to complete your responsibilities early in the day instead of procrastinating then not getting everything done. You'll be so glad you did! And who knows, maybe you can even convince your parents to reward you as well...

Pick a project piece. Especially for students who are later beginner, intermediate or higher—pick a fun project piece to work on. Something that's just a little above your level, such as a Disney piece, favorite pop song, etc. can really motivate you to keep practicing during the summer months.

If you have a piece you really want to learn, just let me know — send me a quick text or email so I can try to find the piece for you at a level you can handle before your next lesson. 🎵



RECITAL & PRACTICE COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

Twenty-four students performed in the 2021 Spring Recital. Thank you for all your hard work preparing your solos, duets, and even one trio! I'm still hearing compliments on your performances.

We honored Carla Uribe as a graduating senior at the recital. She'll visit family in Mexico this summer and attend college in the fall.

Our Sixth Annual Practice Competition was in April and students received recognition at the recital. Students were challenged to practice as much as they possibly could with extra incentives such as double points days and even a whole week where every minute practiced counted double. Altogether 28 students practiced a total of **27,383 minutes over 4 weeks!**

Even if you didn't qualify for a prize or the pizza party, you're still a **BIG part of the 27,383 minutes — congratulations!**

The following students earned a certificate and a pizza party!

CONSISTENCY (didn't miss a practice day)

Lexi Borck
Evie Carey
Kasi Depew
Molly Matthews
Naa Enyonam Omane-Achamfuor
Shane Ottley
Grace Sigüenza
Trey Wells

BRONZE LEVEL (Averaged 180+ min/week)

Olivia Russell
Naa Enyonam Omane-Achamfuor

SILVER LEVEL (Averaged 300+ min/week)

Carla Uribe
Joseph Reeder
Trey Wells
Cody Bost
Evie Carey
Beatriz Bezerra
Alexandra Joiner-Garcia
Grace Sigüenza

GOLD LEVEL (Averaged 420+ min/week)

Kasi Depew
Lexi Borck

These students also received a prize for achieving these specific goals:

BEST SINGLE DAY OF PRACTICE

Kasi Depew—300 minutes

GREAT START (most minutes first week)

Beatriz Bezerra—570 minutes

MOST PRACTICE BY A BEGINNER

Joseph Reeder—1570 minutes

MOST CONSECUTIVE DAYS of 60+ min

Lexi Borck—28 days

MOST MINUTES OVERALL

Kasi Depew—2958 minutes

Congratulations to all my students for all your hard work! 🎵

30-PIECE Challenge



I'm so proud of all my students who worked toward the 30-Piece Challenge this year!

To make the list, students were required play a piece for me with musicality (correct tempo, rhythm, dynamics and expression). Minimum length requirement for each piece was 16 measures (8 measures for beginner students).

Together students learned 708 pieces this year! Even if your name isn't listed below, you contributed to those 708 pieces!

Nine students completed the challenge, and a few exceeded it!

Congratulations to:

Naa Enyonam Omane-Achamfuor—30 pieces

Tanner Black—33 pieces

Vivienne Schweighardt—36 pieces

Grace Sigüenza—40 pieces

Truett Black—43 pieces

Trey Wells—44 pieces

Natalea Carey—45 pieces

Joseph Reeder—52 pieces

Olivia Russell—103 pieces

Way to go, students!

