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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Bailey started going to work with Anthony a few months ago on the afternoons that I teach. Now we can all enjoy interruption-free lessons from her barking at walkers and their dogs as they pass our house. Zeke is so happy that he often comes to greet my students. Several students have

commented, "I didn't realize you had a cat!" Looking forward to a quick trip to Missouri this month to surprise my dad for his 80th birthday. We'll also get to see our son Jon-Michael and his family while we're there. 🎵



Hadlee



Will & his snowman



Evie & Megan sledding



Ryan is ready for Little League



Natalea sledding



Landree lost her first tooth!

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

AUDREY KELLEY
TRINITY EUBANKS

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING BREAK
MAR 29—APR 4

SPRING RECITAL
MAY 17

ONLINE REVIEWS



Here's a recent review from a happy parent:

Dana is so kind, patient and dedicated to teaching her students musicality, discipline and excellence in piano. I cannot recommend her enough. Our daughter loves to play and her skills have improved quickly with Dana's care and attention. Highly recommend! —Anna D.

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

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: JOSEPH REEDER



Joseph

My name is Joseph Reeder. I have two older brothers, James and Jacob. I have a dog named Prancer and a Bearded Dragon named Zilla. My sets of my grandparents live in my hometown in Lewis County, Kentucky. I have

several cousins that I spend a lot of time with.

I'm a fifth grader at Stonewall Elementary. My favorite subject is reading & P.E. and I am part of the Gifted & Talented Program.

I enjoy reading different series of books. Some of my favorites include, *The Gryphon Chronicles*, *Harry Potter Series*, *The Maze Runner*, *The Storm Runner Series*, and *Fablehaven Series*. My favorite TV series are *Andy Griffith*, *Matlock*, *MacGyver*, *Family Ties*, *Blue Bloods*, and *The Mandalorian*. My favorite movies are the *Marvel* movies, especially *End Game*, the *Harry Potters*, and *The Hobbit's*; *Battle of Five Armies*. I also enjoy playing basketball with my brothers and with my team.

I love being outside. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, camping, and hiking. I love swimming and being in the

pool most of the summer. I love scouting deer with my dad and being out in the woods with my compass. I love to catch and filet my own fish, and I love growing a garden. My mom is going to teach me how to can what I grow in my garden this summer.

I have received recognition for academics, earning Distinguished in all subjects, Top Reader in Accelerated Reader, and IXL awards.

We love to travel! My family visits Long Boat Key, Florida in the summer for a couple of weeks every year. We snorkel, fish, boat, and hunt for crabs. We take fishing trips to different lakes in Kentucky, but our favorites are Lake Barkley & Kentucky Lake. We love Universal Studios and are getting ready to visit Busch Gardens in June. We love traveling and taking adventure trips to all types of places. We make frequent trips to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge; it is one of our favorites.

I have always loved playing and listening to music, and different instruments, especially the piano.

Joseph has been taking piano since June, and he's already moved into his second set of books! He has a great attitude and a ready smile. He recently told me that he isn't playing sports right now because he wants more time to play the piano. I couldn't be more proud! 🎵

DANA'S PRACTICE TIP

PRODUCTIVE PIANO PRACTICE

Piano practice is much more efficient when it's productive. More than just "putting in the time," it's about reaching your music goals. Here are six ways to make your practice more productive.

Get organized. Make sure you have all your music and tools (pencil, metronome, recording and playback devices) handy BEFORE you begin practicing.

Focus on one task at a time. Discipline yourself to complete each practice goal before moving on to the next. While you might not get that new Chopin etude note-perfect and up to tempo today, you can indeed "finish" a given passage with musical polish at a slow tempo. In the long run, you'll save enormous time by completing one piece before starting another, rather than bouncing back and forth between them at whim.

Practice with full concentration. Five minutes of concentrated practice is far more valuable than an hour of

moving your fingers while your mind wanders.

Practice slowly. It's a known psycho-physiological fact that the brain cannot absorb musical information in detail when playing fast. It's essential to work slowly and carefully and gradually increase tempo.

Practice only short passages. The brain absorbs musical information much more readily when it's not overwhelmed by quantity. Practice one passage at a time, and practice it extremely carefully and thoroughly. This makes for far more efficient piano practice in the long run.

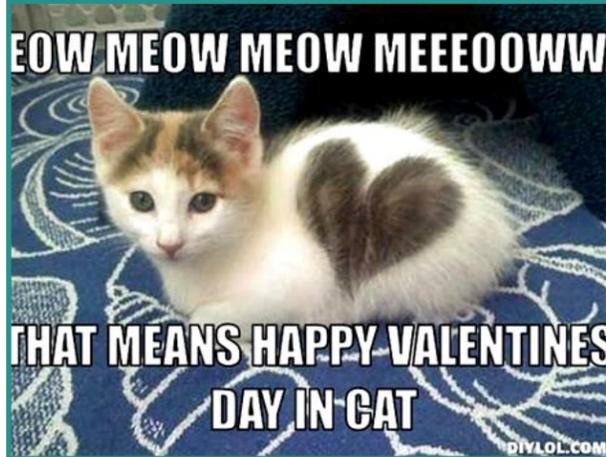
Schedule your practice sessions. Make practicing a priority, put it on your calendar and stick to it. Practice a minimum of 20 minutes at least 5 days each week. Practicing more often for a shorter amount of time is better than one marathon practice. It creates muscle memory and gets you to your weekly music goals faster. 🎵

30-PIECE Challenge 2020-2021

1st Round

2nd Round

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PRESIDENT'S DAY FUN FACTS

February 15 is President's Day. To commemorate the Presidents' Day holiday, here are some nuggets that reveal a few



unexpected facts about the sartorial habits, social practices and defining characteristics of our commanders-in-chief.

1. George Washington was the only president unanimously elected, meaning all of the state representatives voted for him.
2. Gerald Ford was a fashion model in his youth (even appearing on the cover of Cosmopolitan).
3. Warren Harding had the largest shoe size, wearing a size 14.
4. Theodore Roosevelt wore a ring with a lock of Lincoln's hair in it at his second inauguration.
5. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the first president to name a woman to his cabinet.
6. John Tyler had 15 children.
7. John F. Kennedy was the youngest to be elected president.
8. When Ronald Reagan was shot by an assassin in 1981, he joked, "I forgot to duck."
9. Andrew Jackson was shot in the chest during a gun duel, but

managed to stay standing and shoot and kill his opponent. The bullet could not be safely removed and remained in his chest for the next 40 years.

10. William Henry Harrison died just 32 days after becoming president. He died from a cold he got while standing in the rain giving his inauguration speech. 🎵

Source: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/ten-fascinating-bits-of-presidential-trivia-180954227/>

