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## KEYS | NOVEMBER 2023

### WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Will turns 11 on October 30. We celebrated Saturday with s'mores around the fire pit. Happy birthday, Will!

Natalea turns 9 November 3, and we'll celebrate this Saturday. Happy birthday, Natalea!

Jonathan and Andrea treated Anthony and me to the Matthew West concert at Lexington City Church on Oct 21. One of the highlights was "Gobble, Gobble," a favorite of all the grands. Ryan was thrilled when Matthew did his favorite song, "Nobody," and Megan lit up like a Christmas tree when he sang "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus." (She knows every word.)

I'm looking forward to all the grands being here for Thanksgiving, including our son's family. My dad and stepmom will be here, and hopefully my brother as well.



Jon-Michael, Hadlee, Tiffany, and Landree



Natalea with her cousin, Katie

Will & Megan

Evie

Ryan

Megan



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## NEWSLETTER

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## JOSIE SIMS

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Josie

Meet Josie Sarang Sims. (Sarang means *love* in South Korea.) Josie lives with her parents Chris & Pattie and

has her first meet next month for this season.

Josie enjoys cheering on the Kansas City Chiefs with her Dad & brothers. And her favorite books are the Peter Rabbit books & the Geronimo Stilton books.

Josie is in Danville Children's Choir. She's going to her first youth conference next month in TN called

her 13-year-old brother, Parker. She also has an older sister Kaylee, and an older brother Caleb.

They have 2 dogs Mack & Zoey, cat Millie, 2 mini donkeys Jack & Jill, 2 highland cows Dip & Dot, 2 fainting goats Rose & Patch, 1 mini Rex rabbit Clover, and 10 silkie chickens.



Hearts on Fire.

Josie loves Matt Maher and hopes to see him in concert next month.

Josie and her family traveled the northeast states this past summer. She saw Niagara Falls, the Statue of Liberty & so much more.

Josie is 10 years old and homeschools with her Mom & brother Parker. The name of their school is Learning Together. They are a part of Light Homeschool Support group and take lots of field trips and do lots of reading. Josie's favorite subjects are reading, math & art.

She is very active with gymnastics and

She says, "I do piano because my mom makes me but I do enjoy it!"

Josie is such a talented young lady ....she is always creating. She loves to give gifts and works hard at all she does.

Josie has painted two beautiful pictures for me that I display proudly in my dining room.



## COMMUNITY

### Studio Happenings

**Hi!** WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

GABE BAILEY  
AUBREY CUTWRIGHT  
INES MAYNARD  
EMILY POK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NATALIE TIMONEY	NOV 2
NATALEA CAREY	NOV 3
EMMA SIGÜENZA	NOV 5
GRACE SIGÜENZA	NOV 15
GRACE BAILEY	NOV 19
EMILY HARVEY	NOV 26

IMPORTANT DATES

NO LESSONS TUES-WED-THURS THANKSGIVING WEEK (NOV 21-23)

MON STUDENTS WILL HAVE LESSONS ON NOV 20

CHRISTMAS RECITAL DEC 11



## CANDY CORN WINNER



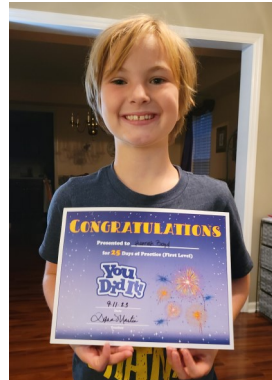
**Congratulations to Josie** who guessed 295 pieces of candy corn in the jar. There were 305.

We had guesses from 13 to 10,000,000,000!

It's always interesting to see how each one comes up with their number. Some really get into the math of the whole thing while others just take a random guess.

## 100 PRACTICE DAYS CHALLENGE

**It's not easy** to commit to practice EVERY DAY for 100 days in a row, and I'm so proud of these students who are still going strong! These students have made it to 75 days of practice in the 100 Days of Practice Challenge so far: Hannah Boyd, Yohana Gonzalez Montes, Ava Persinger, Emma Sigüenza, and Grace Sigüenza. Congrats to all of you!



Hannah



Ava



Yohana

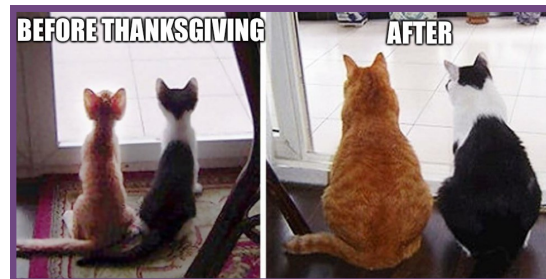
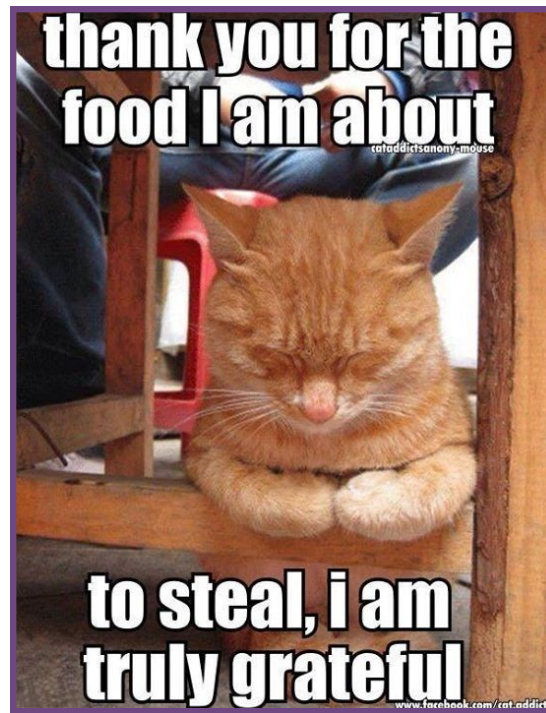


Emma



Grace

## FUNNY THANKSGIVING CAT MEMES



## PRACTICE TIPS

*Why you shouldn't always start at the beginning of a piece*

**1** Have you ever noticed how you always play your pieces better at the start compared to everywhere else? That's because if you always start at the beginning, you're practicing the part you know best the most instead of the parts that need the most practice.

**2** Choose a few different places that you can start. This helps balance the entire piece and ensures all sections are strong and secure. Natural places to start are where we've divided the piece as we're learning it. Start working on the newest portions first before going back to the beginning and playing the entire piece.

**3** This is especially handy when you're performing in public. If you're comfortable with starting at different places in the music, you feel more secure and confident if you happen to make a mistake because you have developed several points of reference in the piece rather than having to go all the way back to the beginning.



## FALL PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

**Twenty-five students** performed for the residents at Morning Pointe on October 28. I'm so proud of everyone who played. It takes grit and determination to get up in front of strangers and play the piano.



**A special thank you** to the students who made cards and gave them to the residents. The activities director told me that that meant so much to them! So many of them have no one who comes to visit them, and having a personal card with a drawing or special note that they can keep means more than you can imagine.

**We're already working** on our next performance at another senior residence, Highgrove at Tates Creek, where one of my students has a relative who's living there. We're hoping to arrange a Christmas performance in early December. More details to follow soon.



THE STUDENTS OF  
DANA MARTIN STUDIO  
PRESENT

# Christmas RECITAL

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