

## Practice Expectations and Tips

*Let's keep things simple.*

1. **Daily practice** is way more important than the amount of time spent practicing.
2. Have a lesson **notebook** to write weekly goals in.
3. After a student's lesson, open up their lesson notebook and **discuss** the assignment with your student.
  - i. Then make sure the student looks at the notebook everytime they practice to make sure they are working on this week's goals.
4. Plan the practice sessions in your **family calendar**. Everyone has to make sure that there is time for students to practice.
5. **Practice first**, then do something fun.

### **Daily Practice, Notebook, Discuss, Family Calendar, Practice First**

*DPNDFCPF -Remember that!!*

Lessons are such a great way for students to learn about setting goals, working on them a little bit at a time and then finally achieving them! Parents walk a fine line between encouraging, nagging, and threatening. If you plan even 10 minutes in the schedule - your children will practice. Just have them go through what I assign them. Also help them listen to the pieces they are practicing.

Make sure that music listening is a part of your family's life. Play music on the radio, play it in the car. I love making music listening lists. Have your kid make a classical music playlist. Use music from movies, shows, video games to make music more personal to them. Ultimately, I want my students to be good enough to express themselves through their music. When they are excited about the music they are playing, they will want to play it.

# *When are you practicing?*

*Write down when you and your family are scheduling your practice times:*

Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday: \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday: \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday: \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_