

Grace Piano Studio

Ms. Alyssa's Teaching Philosophy

I believe that everyone can learn how to play the piano. Music is a language, and with effort and a positive environment, this language can be learned. With a willingness to learn, hard work, and dedication, all students can develop musical ability. I firmly believe in the Suzuki philosophy, which includes consistent listening and development of a musical ear, producing a beautiful tone, learning with love in a nurturing environment, and using the time-tested power of repetition as a pathway to mastery. Parents can help their student's progress by being positive practice partners, actively engaging in the music learning experience, and being encouraging.

Love, support, trust, self-reflection, and honest communication are cornerstones in my piano studio and it is important to me to foster a sense of community among students, parents, and teacher. This is nurtured by parents being present for piano lessons, as well as keeping an open line of communication between student, teacher, and parent. Monthly performance classes, recitals, and other performance opportunities give students the opportunity to share what they are working on get to know each other.

Fostering a lifelong love of music in my students, helping each one cultivate a creative outlet, building in them a noble heart and good character, and encouraging a standard of excellence in all of my students is my aim as a teacher. Through dedication to practice and improvement, students develop discipline, perseverance, and intrinsic motivation. Students cultivate strong critical thinking skills, introspectiveness, and sensitivity through listening to and playing music, as well as evaluating their own playing. Each student's unique channel of creativity is unlocked through musical knowledge, mastery, and exploration.

Watching the character and talent unfold in each of my students is incredibly rewarding and I feel honored to be a part of each student's musical journey. As my students continue to learn, I am committed to continuing my learning through my involvement in the music teaching community. This is a lifelong journey of learning, reflection, and progress (not perfection).