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Goals: My goals are for you to learn and/or improve upon already existing rhythm and note-reading skills through use of a traditional lesson book or classical music at the appropriate level. We may also use scales and other technical exercises to develop good hand position and arm/wrist use. For students at certain levels there may be a short theory assignment each week. I also want to help you meet your own personal goals, so we will discuss how we can incorporate those as well.

Practice: Students taking 30-minute lessons should practice 30 minutes per day, 5 days per week. Students taking 60-minute lessons should practice 60 minutes per day, 5 days per week. If you are unable to get to a piano on some days, look at your music anyway. Beginners can strengthen note-reading skills by tapping rhythms, thinking through the note names and what was learned at the last lesson. More advanced students can analyze thematic relationships and harmonic subtleties. Time spent thinking about your music away from the piano can help your time at the piano to be more productive.

Grades: Each lesson will be graded on attendance and progress on weekly assignments. Your final grade will be an average of the weekly lesson grades. There is no mid-term or final exam.

Absences: Excused absences include sickness and family emergency. There will be no grade for that day. Unexcused absences will result in a grade of “F” for that day. An excessive number of missed lessons will result in a low grade. If you are canceling on the day of the lesson, please call my cell phone.
Hand Care: Fingernails must be kept short to maintain correct hand position and technique.