

**Piano Lessons with Deanna Didriksen**  
**12 Week Piano Lessons - Session I**  
**for new Kindergarten students at Gwynne School**

September 16 until December 9, 2019 (12 lessons)  
½ hour in-person lessons @ \$20 per lesson  
at Gwynne School, on Wednesdays

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These lessons are designed to give the student and parents an idea of what learning to play the piano and piano practice are all about! This year we will start off with a 12 week program and then start up again in January. Keeping the program to shorter lengths for younger students will be helpful this year, considering where things are at with COVID-19.

**What will my child learn this year?**

- ♪ You will learn about the instrument you are playing, how it works, and how to use your body (fingers, wrists, arms) to create the right kind of sound on the piano.
- ♪ You will learn how to properly approach/sit at the piano.
- ♪ You will learn about how beginning music is communicated – by finger numbers, the musical alphabet, and notes.
- ♪ You will learn about different types of notes and rests, and how they create rhythm.
- ♪ You will learn how to start a new piece of music using clues that are in the music to help you.
- ♪ You will learn how to practice the piano to make progress in your pieces.

There are so many other things you will learn along the way – about yourself, what kinds of sounds you like to hear from the piano, and what you can come up with on your own!

12 lessons is not a lot of time, but it can give you an idea of what is expected, and give you a taste of how rewarding reaching goals of learning to play music can be. Piano lessons usually run from September to May. The shorter time frames this year are there just in case we need to change up our lessons, due to health measures. In case of illness where the student is not at school, we will make up the lessons as remote piano lessons. They will be 20 minutes long, and be given over Messenger Video Chat or Zoom, with e-mailed lesson notes. Our in-person lessons are 30 min, with written notes to take home.

**You Will Need:**

A piano to play on that you have regular/daily access to.  
Time in your schedule to allow for up to 15-20 minutes of practicing on 5 days during the week.

**Books needed for beginner students:**

“My First Piano Adventure” (yellow) – Lesson Book and Theory Book. The two together usually retail around \$20 at any music store. These will need to be purchased *for the first lesson*. [We can make arrangements for me to pick them up, or you can purchase them online \(Amazon.ca\).](#)

Please contact me with questions, if you are interested in taking part in the 12- week piano lesson program. There are limited time slots available for students.

**Thank you for your interest! ~Deanna Didriksen**