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What’s New for Dana

You may have noticed that I’ve welcomed several new students in the newsletter over the past few months, and I’ve hit a new milestone — 41 students! I’m still only teaching three days a week, so my schedule is packed.

The majority of these new students are adults, including two who are focusing on worship music only. I

love having such an age range in students —it keeps the day interesting!

I also welcomed back two students recently who took a short break, Emily Harvey and Trey Wells.

Thanks for being a part of my studio and my life! 🍷



Megan caught by Dad up at 11:00 p.m. while Natalea sleeps soundly



Will & Ryan Snow day!



Evie, Natalea, Megan Snow day!



Landree’s 100th day of school



Hadlee’s 100th day of school

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

NAOMI CAMPBELL
BRAD DAVIDSON
KENZIE GOENS
KIM HODDY
ELIZABETH LUNDY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BRAD DAVIDSON FEB 12

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING BREAK
MAR 28—APR 3

NO LESSONS
APR 25—MAY 1 (out of town)

SPRING RECITAL MAY 16

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: EMMA SIGÜENZA



Emma

Meet Isobel Emma Sigüenza. She lives with her dad Victor, mom Jennifer, big sister Grace, dogs Finn (11 year old Puggle) and Bean (15 year old Frenchton); and her unicorn, Uni

(Emma’s best friend and she goes with Emma everywhere).

Emma is a first grader at Dixie Magnet Elementary, and loves art class, science, and math.

Outside of school Emma is on a competitive dance team at Gotta Dance Studio and she is preparing to perform her first solo at competition this year — ballet genre to *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. She also plays soccer year round — indoor and outdoor, and she is a Daisy Scout. In the summers she performs in Ballet Under the Stars. She is learning chess from her big sister, and she sings in the Children’s Choir at Porter Memorial Baptist — and of course plays piano!

Emma’s favorites include: *Pig the Pug, Fancy Nancy, Pinkalicious* (books), *Frozen, Moana, Coco, The Croods, Harry Potter* (movies), and *Peppa Pig, Secret of Sulphur Springs, Dawn of the Croods* (TV shows).

Emma’s favorite hobby is creating art. She draws pictures every day, dozens a week, and they are all so bright and intricate and creative! She is an outstanding young artist and spends most of her free time drawing. Emma says, “I like art because I get to be creative and there aren’t any rules when you’re doing art. I can literally draw anything I want.”

Emma is in the gifted programs for math and art, has won multiple gold and platinum awards for group dances on her competition team, a special recognition award for excellence in the jazz genre, and has more than a dozen awards for soccer.

Emma loves to go on trips with her family, especially when her Pap and Gran come along. Her favorites were taking a “housecar” (camper) to The Forest of Giants, going to Captiva Island, going to South Beach, going to Chicago, and going

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+ TIPS

How practicing piano is like following GPS



1

In our lesson time, we always “map out” a piece before playing it. We look over each hand individually, noticing the key signature, hand position, intervals, etc., as well as anything unexpected such as changing hand positions. And it’s a good idea to do this when you’re practicing as well, at least for the first few days.

2

Just like when you pull up GPS directions for somewhere you’re going. I would think that like me, you read over the entire directions before beginning your journey. It’s the same with a new piece. Before beginning your “journey” of playing the piece, look over the piece first to see “where you’re going.” This helps minimize any surprises along the way. It also helps you avoid pausing to figure out what comes next, keeping a steady rhythm.

3

I always like knowing ahead of time if the next turn is going to be left or right, allowing me to be in the correct lane in plenty of time. Likewise, in playing music, knowing where something different is coming up ahead of time lets you be prepared for it.

Christmas Recital DVDs Update

Victor is finalizing your Christmas Recital videos, and they will be ready soon.

There’s still time if you’d like to order a video. Just let me know, and I’ll send you an order form.



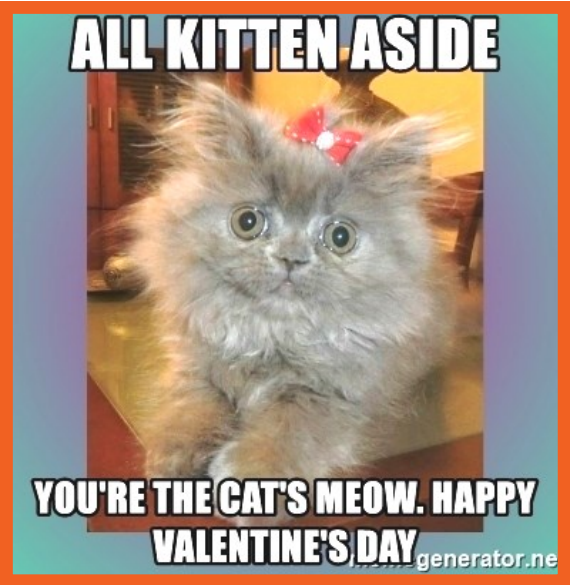
One Minute Club

Students are doing great with the One Minute Club challenge! We’re having fun and learning our notes better in the process.

Ways to help your student:

- Quiz your student on his notes at home to help him achieve a faster time at his lesson
- Download Flashnote Derby (only available on iOS) or another note-naming app to practice at home

We’ll continue this challenge through February, so there’s still time to improve your time for your level and maybe even win a gift card! More details are in the One Minute Club sheet in your student’s music folder.



Winter Performance

Usually, we have a winter performance in February and a fall performance in October at a senior living center.

I was really hoping we could resume our senior center performances this February, but with the virus numbers still on the rise, it’s not going to happen.

Perhaps we’ll try to work in a summer performance instead of waiting until fall. I’ll keep you updated.

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to Philadelphia. Now she is looking forward to her first trip to Disney World in the spring! Emma says, “I am going to ride roller coasters and swim in the pool at the Hard Rock Hotel!”

Emma wants to play guitar when she is older, and she is taking piano lessons to build a strong foundation in music and music theory before taking that step. Emma’s abuelo was a concert pianist in El Salvador and always

encourages her in her piano studies.

Emma joined her older sister, Grace in taking piano lessons this past fall. She has a ready smile, a great attitude and a fun spirit! I can vouch that she brings her unicorn Uni with her everywhere, including piano. One day she forgot her, and they made a special trip back to pick her up! Emma is learning quickly and especially enjoys playing songs she’s familiar with.

30-PIECE Challenge 2021-2022

1st Round 2nd Round

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Vivienne	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Olivia	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Grace	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Emma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Cohen	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Kasi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Abby	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Cody	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Murphy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Naa Enyonam	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Molly	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Liya	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Audrey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Selase	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Etor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Beatriz	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Lucas	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Peyton	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Joseph	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Lexi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Claira	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Eyram	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Mateo	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Evie	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Natalea	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Emily H	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trey	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Caitlyn	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Emily P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30