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What's New for Dana

We had a wonderful Christmas! Both our kids and all our grandkids were here together. Eating, playing games, eating, giving gifts, and did I mention eating?

We also all got to be in church together, which is rare. Our son, Jon-Michael is a pastor in Springdale, Arkansas, and we were blessed to have him minister at our church. Our daughter, Andrea

sang with us, and Evie and I played the *Angels We Have Heard On High* duet we played at the recital. This may have been the best Christmas ever!



Will, Megan



Natalea, Ellee, Evie, Riley



Papaw & Hadlee



Landree, Natalea, Ryan



(Left front) Landree, Hadlee, Will, Ryan, Natalea, Megan, (back) Tiffany, Jon-Michael, Dana, Anthony, Evie, Jonathan, Andrea

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NEWSLETTER

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COMMUNITY

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

RACHEL BRAKEVILLE
MARY JO BRIGUGLIO
ELIJAH HARKLESS
CAITLYN KELLEY
DONNIE YAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

KASI DEPEW 1.26

IMPORTANT DATES

LESSONS RESUME JAN 3

WINTER PERFORMANCE
FEBRUARY (DATE TBD)

STUDENT HIGHLIGHT: PEYTON HUNT



Peyton at her dance recital

My name is Peyton Hunt. I am 8 years old and in second grade at Trinity Christian Academy. I love my teacher and my friends at school.

I have one sister, Piper, who is 5 years old. My

mom's name is Brooke and my dad's name is Adam. I also have two dogs, Maggie, a standard Aussiedoodle and Winnie, a mini Aussiedoodle. They are SO much fun and soooooo cute!!!!

My favorite music is my Kidz Bop Kidz cd. My favorite book is *Because of Winn Dixie*. I loved it so much because the main character was a dog. It was the best book because I love animals so very much. I just found a new show that I love called, *The Inbestigators*. My favorite game is *Otrio*. We introduced my family to it and now EVERYONE has it! :) It's super fun and I love to win.

One of my favorite things to do is explore nature. We have a creek in the

backyard and I love going down to the creek to find critters, crawdads, and minnows. It's really fun in the summer when it's hot.

One of my favorite trips was when we went to Dollywood theme park. The rides were so fun even though I felt kind of sick after. Haha! The hotel, the DreamMore Resort, was the best! There was a kids club and one of the counselors was super sweet and I'll remember her forever. The counselors even got into the pool and played with us— it was so fun!

As for piano, I love being able to play actual songs that I can recognize. I also love seeing myself improve.

The last interesting fact I have to share is...This Christmas season at school, I memorized Luke 2:1-20, the Christmas story. It was a lot to memorize, but was so awesome to be able to recite. I got a 100% when I had to recite it to my teacher and was so proud of myself!

Peyton is naturally curious and a delight to know! Often her curiosity leads us into various discussions. We have lots of fun during lessons, especially when we play our duets.

+ TIPS

**Study the score
(music) away from
the piano**



1

This is especially helpful when you're first starting a piece, but it's also a worthwhile thing to do throughout the learning process.

2

Before you begin a new piece, take the time to make every possible observation you can about the music. What do you expect it to sound like? What is the music trying to communicate or portray? Think through all of the logistical aspects of the music like the time signature, key signature, dynamics, tempo, fingering, etc.

3

Make a solid plan about what you'll do when you take the music back to the piano. This will ensure that you start learning the music quickly and effectively.

One Minute Club

New year — new challenge! We haven't done the One Minute Club Note-Naming Challenge since 2016, so we're reviving this challenge for the new year with a few improvements.

Students name and play notes beginning at Level 1 and work their way up to Level 5. Students must play and name the notes in one minute or less to move to the next level.

Each student will receive a badge and recognition in the newsletter for every level they master. PLUS there are also rewards for students with the fastest times in each level.

Look for all the details in your student's music folder this week.

At each lesson over the next 8 weeks here's what we'll do:

1. Teacher names note, student plays
2. Student names note without playing
3. Student names note and plays (timed) twice and fastest time is recorded

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

Watch as your student improves her sight-reading over the next few weeks by learning and retaining the notes on the staff in this fun and gamifying way. ●



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
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Grace	1st																													
Emma	1st																													
Cohen	1st																													
Kasi	1st																													
Abby	1st																													
Cody	1st																													
Murphy	1st																													
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Molly	1st																													
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