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Piano Lessons Policies at Amherst Montessori School 2016 - 2017

Piano lessons at AMS are taught on Tuesday afternoons in the music room upstairs. Please contact Laura Pierce to schedule piano lessons.

Schedule of Lessons

There are 35 lessons in the school year.

First day of lessons: Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Last day of lessons: Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Holidays

There will be **NO piano lessons** on the following school holiday dates:

December 19 – January 2, February 20 – 24, April 17 – 21

Payment

Monthly lesson payments are due at the first lesson of each month, with cash or check made payable to Laura Pierce. The payment can be given to me, left at the front desk or sent to my mailing address at 5 Frazier Lane, Cummington, MA 01026. Another payment option is automatic monthly bank payments. If you prefer to pay by the semester, payments can be made in September and February for half of the yearly fee. If lessons are discontinued, a pro-rated refund will be issued.

Lesson Fees

Lessons run through the school year during the 10 months of September – June. Monthly lesson payments are figured by dividing the total lesson fees for the year by 10 months. For this school year there are 35 lesson days x \$35 per lesson = \$1225 for the year. Dividing that by 10 monthly payments comes to \$122.50 per month.

Length of lesson	Weekly fee	Yearly fee	Monthly fee
30 minutes	\$35	\$1225	\$122

Cancellations

If a lesson is cancelled with at least 24-hour notice, students will receive a lesson credit. Less than 24-hour notice is acceptable in the case of illness. Each student is allowed two lesson credits per semester for cancellations. Additionally, if I have to cancel a lesson, the student will receive credit for that lesson.

Weather Cancellations

There will be no piano lessons if the school is closed due to weather conditions. In this case, the student will receive credit for the missed lesson. To inquire about a possible weather cancellation, please contact the school or call me directly at **413-213-0522 or 413-336-4125** (cell phone).

Practice

The only way students can progress in their lessons is through weekly practice. Each student is expected to practice, based on the guidelines below:

Beginners	20 minutes daily	5 days per week
Intermediate	30 minutes daily	6 days per week
Advanced	40 minutes daily	6 days per week

Recitals

There is a piano recital each spring at the Amherst Woman's Club. This spring the recital is scheduled for Sunday, April 9th at 2:00 pm.