



THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER PRACTICE

Kids these days are busier than ever, and their free time is minimal. However, we also know that **students who practice regularly and consistently will always advance faster than students who do not.** Lessons alone are not enough to ensure that your student is making the most of his or her music education. Regular practice is essential to the development of the necessary skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to be successful in learning music. **We cannot stress enough to be engaged and active in your student's learning.** A strong support system from home combined with instruction creates an atmosphere a student can thrive in.

Here are some tips that will help ensure your child is getting the most from of his or her

- **Regular Practice is Paramount!** It's better to practice 15 minutes every day than to practice for 2 hours the day before a lesson.
- **Actively Practice.** Be aware and engaged during practice, don't be a zombie mindlessly going through the motions.
- **Keep a Practice Log and Stay Organized.** Encourage your child to keep track of what they practice and for how long. This is a great way to visually see progress in their musical journey.
- **"If you're practicing and it sounds good, you're doing it wrong."** Practice is not about just playing through the music. It's taking bite size chunks and learning a piece / song incrementally, then beginning to put it together as whole.
- **Slow is the Way to Go!** Repetition at slow speeds is more effective than rushing and making mistakes.
- **Perfection is Not the Goal!** Music is not perfect, and that's what we love about it. Mistakes will happen and life goes on. Striving for perfection sets an unattainable goal.
- **Communication!** Don't be afraid to contact us about any concerns or questions you have about your child's music education, progress, or practice habits. All artists hit roadblocks or become stuck and frustrated with a concept, skill, or piece of music. If this is happening please communicate with us and we can focus on how to tackle the hurdle.
- **Have Fun!** Cliche? Yes, but necessary. Creating music and playing an instrument should be a fun, creative, and engaging experience. We want every student to succeed and enjoy making music!