

## Reading Club

I began and continue to develop the Reading Club to accommodate the needs of dedicated and long term students whose schedules and needs are changing. Reading club is for students who have played a Book 2 Recital or higher. The young musicians have brief lessons (between 15 and 30 minutes) and attend either weekly or every other week. They do not have duo classes and do not observe. They are free to rescheduled as needed. The goal is a long term, 'can-do' association with piano and a continuing, trusting and supportive relationship with me. The students have a modest but dedicated and ongoing commitment to piano. The student might sight-read with me each week, with no at-home assignments. The student may be sight reading at home, one piece per day. She may have one piece instead of an entire book that she is working on. We 'play this by ear'. In this way, teens and pre-teens have continued to participate over several years, have played on the Recitals and Duets Recitals, and have maintained a devotion to music.

I am so pleased to give students a way to incorporate long term musical learning and a long term collaborative relationship with me into their lives as they maintain demanding schedules and follow many interests.