

2019 Kate Alm Suzuki Piano Studio: Summer Fees and Fact Sheet

Dear Suzuki Families:

Please, use the summer months to spend more time enriching your child's life with music, use some of it for a natural break, keep the routine, schedule your own intensive- (the month's lessons in one week), or reassess each month. If your child enjoyed duets or wants theory or extra group classes, ask me to incorporate that in to your schedule. Make sure that your child, in lessons or on vacation, is hearing her Book level at least once every day, hopefully more, and is hearing the next two book levels up on a weekly basis.

-If your child is signed up for a lot of physically demanding programs, please take that in to account when you schedule lessons!

-Make sure to schedule the lessons on an off day from camp and make sure, as well, to schedule your child's practice time when he is well rested.

-Please, do not schedule isolated lessons. There has to be some continuity for success.

- I aim in the summer months for a broader range of experience, with a little less intensity than I apply in the school year.

-All students in Book 2 and up are welcome to sign up, punch card style, for lessons, duo lessons or combos with Art in the jazz/blues genre. Students who have second instruments are welcome, too, to be in touch with Art.

Enjoy!

Lesson Duration:

Group duos are suspended for the summer - except if you expressly request a summer duo-so that I can work with the children individually on their reading, theory, rhythm and solfa skills. Therefore in place of group duo, you receive 10 extra minutes. Sometimes I use the extra time to just chat with your child about how his summer is going. It is a very nice break from the more formalized lessons during the school year.

Summer Enrollment Fee: \$70 per family

-EVERY FAMILY pays a \$70 flat summer enrollment fee: these fees are

applied toward my continuing education expenses and the many extra hours I spend scheduling to everyone's convenience.

September Tuition is included in your Summer Trimester

ALL Continuing families pay September tuition

- If you are undecided about continuing in the Fall, you have until August to pay for September . I must have your September tuition by August so that I can make up my Fall schedule.

Lesson Fees:

25 minute: \$30

(25 minute sibling: \$25)

40 minute: \$48

(40 minute sibling: \$40)

For Trimester (June, July, August and September) We estimate all of your lessons, add the Summer Fee and September tuition ,and apply a 5% discount no lesson fee increase will be in effect until October.

For the month: We calculate all of your lessons, the \$70 fee, September tuition, and divide by 3 (June, July, August)

-Reading Club Rates (\$1.20/minute) are reflected in this fee schedule; fine to arrange a lesson length of your choosing, also-

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- All continuing students pay for September, and are not subject to increased rates until October

- If you are undecided about continuing in the Fall, you have until August to pay for September (at the new rate). I must have your September tuition by August so that I can make up my Fall schedule.

2019 Kate's Schedule:

June 4,10&11 Only

July: Week of July 9, !then at HNU for Book 7!, ongoing starting week of July 22nd

August ongoing except for week of 19-23 (12 hours for scheduling school year weekly schedule)

Your Schedule:

Please get me your planned absences before June.

Please remember that one May lesson is devoted largely to scheduling the summer. I do not do the scheduling via email

Continuing Education

As stated in my studio policy, everyone pays a \$70 summer fee whether or not they also sign up for lessons. I apply this towards continuing education expenses. I am happy to update you as to what I am doing as far as continuing education during the school year. This summer I am taking Book 7.

Lessons with Caroline, my teacher-trainer, at Holy Names College in Oakland

For your lesson with Caroline, you have paid for that directly. You receive a rebate from me in tuition at MY tuition rate.

Lesson Scheduling, Summer:

We start with your regular time. Once I have a roster for the month I will try to consolidate lesson times and/or schedule around your preferences.

It is your responsibility to double check the schedule and to let me know of any changes, additions, or absences. I do stand by the 24 hour deadline (see next line).

Spontaneous Absences, Spontaneous Vacations

I require 24 hour notice from you in order to reschedule, otherwise you forfeit the lesson fee. ***If you do indeed give me more than 24 hours notice***, you will get that lesson (maximum two) credited in October. I will give you 24 hour notice should I need to reschedule.

Lessons missed due to student's illness will be made up through November

Kate's Vacation Days

You do not pay for lessons when I am on vacation.

Your Vacations

You do not pay for lessons when you are on your planned vacation.

Long Summer absences

Everyone, even those who might be absent for the whole summer, must pay the \$7- summer fee in order to cover my ongoing continuing education.(this is stated in my studio policy)

If you *will* be absent for a month or more I will ask you to reserve your September slot by paying September tuition before you leave for your month.

Kate's Sick Leave

I suspend my sick leave for the summer. Any lessons missed due to illness or family emergency will be made up or credited to fall tuition (September or October, depending on your payment plan).

Lesson Scheduling for the Fall:

I will start with the time you had when the school year ended. I will do my best to accommodate your needs. I plan to continue the group duo/ interlocking lesson observation format. Lessons will begin the first week of September. While I tend to give priority to families according to how long they have been in the studio and according to how many students are in one family, the highest priority is matching up the students with my best estimation of a good duo lesson / observation partner.

Lesson Fees for Fall

If you pay September over the summer, your fee will not increase until October.

Thank you, and have a great summer. Remember to be creative when you sign up for lessons: Think about what is best for your child and your family. I have a lot of flexibility !

Kate