

## June 2019 Piano Review Challenge

A special piano-related challenge for each day of the month!

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
|   |  |   |  |   |  | 1<br>Listen to a movement of<br>the "Pathetique Sonata"<br>by Beethoven. |
| 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8  |
| Play one of your favorite pieces.                               | Play five scales you<br>remember hands<br>together.              | Improvise a piece using only the black keys.            | Open your book and<br>clap the first rhythm<br>you see.                  | Sight-read one new piece.                           | Play a piece from memory.  | Listen to a piece from<br>the "Well-Tempered<br>Clavier" by J.S. Bach.   |
| 9   | 10   | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14   | 15   |
| Play a piece for a friend or family member.                     | Build a major and minor<br>chord starting on each<br>white key.  | Sight-read one new piece.                               | Draw the treble and<br>bass clefs 10 times on a<br>blank piece of paper. | Listen to "Traumerei" by<br>Robert Schumann.        | Play one of your favorite pieces.                                    | Open your book and<br>clap the first rhythm<br>you see.                  |
| 16  | 17   | 18  | 19   | 20  | 21   | 22   |
| Play a piece that is very slow.                                 | Improvise a piece that uses the C major chord.                   | Draw every rhythm note<br>and rest you can<br>remember. | Sight-read one new piece.  | Play five scales you<br>remember hands<br>together. | Open your book and<br>name every note in the<br>first piece you see. | Listen to "Prelude in Db<br>Major" by Chopin.                            |
| 23  | 24   | 25  | 26   | 27  | 28   | 29   |
| Play a piece that is in a minor key.                            | Draw a grand staff and<br>label each line and<br>space you know. | Listen to "Reverie" by<br>Debussy.                      | Write down the name of every composer you remember.                      | Sight-read one new piece.                           | Play one of your favorite pieces.                                    | Listen to "Graceful<br>Ghost Rag" by William<br>Bolcom.                  |
| 30  |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| Write down all of the<br>Italian musical terms<br>you remember. |  |   |  |   |  |  |

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|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|  | 1   | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
|  | Improvise a piece that sounds like a thunderstorm.      | Look up the name of a famous composer that was born in the USA.      | Play the beginning of<br>the "My Country 'Tis of<br>Thee" by ear.     | Play a song by an<br>American composer.           | Write out the rhythm to<br>"Yankee Doodle."                     | Listen to "Summertime"<br>by George Gershwin. |
| 7  | 8   | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
| Play five scales you<br>remember hands<br>together.    | Sight-read one new piece.                               | Write down all of the dynamics you can remember.                     | Open your book and<br>name every note in the<br>first piece you see.  | Listen to "Rondo alla<br>Turca" by Mozart.        | Play "Happy Birthday"<br>by ear.                                | Play a piece that is very fast.               |
| 14   | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  |
| Improvise a piece that uses only minor chords.         | Read about a famous<br>woman composer.                  | Write out four measures of rhythm in 4/4 time.                       | Sight-read one new piece.   | Look up 3 facts about<br>your favorite composer.  | Build a major and minor<br>chord starting on each<br>white key. | Play one of your favorite pieces.             |
| 21   | 22  | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  |
| Listen to "Prelude in C#<br>minor" by<br>Rachmaninoff. | Open your book and<br>clap the first rhythm you<br>see. | Draw 10 musical<br>symbols on a blank<br>piece of paper.             | Improvise a piece that uses the damper pedal.                         | Christmas in July! Play<br>"Jingle Bells" by ear. | Sight-read one new piece.                                       | Listen to "Gymnopedie<br>#1" by Erik Satie.   |
| 28   | 29  | 30   | 31  |   |   |   |
| Play a piece for a friend or family member.            | Write out 4 measures of rhythm in 3/4 time.             | Open your book and<br>name every note in the<br>first piece you see. | Write down three goals<br>you have for piano for<br>next school year. |   |   |   |

## August 2019 Piano Review Challenge



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|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
|   |  |  |  | 1   | 2   | 3   |
|   |  |  |  | Listen to one of<br>Mendelssohn's "Songs<br>without Words." | Improvise a piece that uses only fifths.                            | Play a piece for a friend or family member.                             |
| 4   | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| Play one of your favorite pieces.                                   | Open your book and<br>name every interval in<br>the first piece you see. | Listen to one of<br>Scarlatti's piano<br>sonatas.                    | Play 5 different blocked<br>and broken chords with<br>each hand. | Play "London Bridge" by ear.                                | Open your book and<br>clap the first rhythm<br>you see.             | Sight-read one new piece.   |
| 11  | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| Improvise a piece that sounds like a waterfall.                     | Listen to "Hungarian<br>Rhapsody No. 2" by<br>Franz Liszt.               | Sight-read one new piece.  | Play a piece that is sad.  | Open your book and<br>clap the first rhythm<br>you see.     | Find a piece in your<br>book that is in 3/4 time<br>and play it.    | Read about a composer<br>from a different<br>country.                   |
| 18  | 19   | 20   | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| Open your book and<br>identify every dynamic<br>marking in a piece. | Play a piece that makes you happy.                                       | Play "Twinkle Twinkle<br>Little Star" by ear.                        | Listen to "Andante and<br>Variations in F minor"<br>by Haydn.    | Sight-read one new piece.                                   | Play and name all the<br>intervals you can reach<br>with each hand. | Play a piece for a friend or family member.                             |
| 25  | 26   | 27   | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |
| Sight-read one new piece.   | Review your favorite<br>piece from last school<br>year.                  | Open your book and<br>name every note in the<br>first piece you see. | Play five scales you<br>remember hands<br>together.              | Listen to "Jeux d'eau"<br>by Maurice Ravel.                 | Play a piece by your favorite composer.                             | Write down three<br>pieces you would like to<br>learn next school year. |