

Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)

COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Lab 45- Group Piano

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: Age 7 and up

FORMAT: **IN-PERSON** ONLINE FLEXIBLE

DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK: Monday- Thursday 3:00-6:30pm class availability

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16 ADD'L POSSIBLE HRS (OPTIONAL TIME):

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 18

LOCATION: 324 E Dewey St. Buchanan, MI Suite 101

INSTRUCTOR: Mrs. Victoria Kreiter

CONTACT INFORMATION: phone: 269-409-1354 email: vkmelodies@gmail.com

website: www.vkmelodies.com or www.vkmelodies.mymusicstaff.com

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED? **YES**

NO

IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION: Visit

www.vkmelodies.mymusicstaff.com to register or email vkmelodies@gmail.com

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS (may attach a separate page if necessary): Attached

COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW): This 45 minute lab style class is designed to give the student time to learn the material DURING the lessons. This type of lesson is beneficial for many reasons: students work at their own pace; learning independence as a musician. The structured curriculum is designed to not only teach notes, but improve aural skills, learn how to compose, music theory, lead sheets, and more. Students will learn the music AT the lesson making practice smoother and lower stress. Students build confidence in each lesson

helping them to play music that they love faster!

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES

Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class:

Lab 45 uses the Piano Express Curriculum. A fun and game-oriented program that helps students reach their highest goals in piano.

Each lesson begins with an “assessment” time. In the first half of the lesson the student attempts to get as many passing scores as possible from their song books using the online software connected to their digital piano. The teacher is always roaming and making sure students are on task.

The second half of the lesson is “discovery” time. This is where students will learn new material that focuses on theory, technique, sight-reading, ear-training, and improvisation. Students will use their piano express books, as well as other provided material throughout the semester.

Other methods and supplementary materials are used throughout the semester such as learning games in the class and performance practice with the option of participating in a recital.

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:

- *The goal is for each student to progress into a new level each semester. Though this will be assessed by the teacher and depends on the age of the student and learning types.*
- *The “assessment” section of each lesson will help the teacher and student know what needs more work and what is coming along well.*
- *Student assessments go home at the middle of the semester and end of semester.*

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of

semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program discontinuation.

Class-specific assessment: discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

Attendance: Attendance is required each week of scheduled class. If a class is missed by the student- it is the student/parent responsibility to notify the teacher and reschedule their missed time.

Weather: VK Melodies will notify parents if there is closure due to weather via social media, email, and text.

Other: A \$25 registration fee is required each semester for books and supplies.