

Checklist: What you need before your child's first piano lesson

- 1. Buy a piano/digital piano/keyboard.**
- 2. Put the piano in a part of the house that child doesn't feel lonely and isolated.**
- 3. Purchase a piano bench that is height adjustable. Optional: step stool.**
- 4. Explain Left and Right. Do ambidexterity related exercises.**
- 5. Know the alphabet, from A to G as well as backward.**
- 6. Concentration level of your child.**
- 7. Establish practice schedule.**
- 8. Apply discipline.**
- 9. Be patient.**
- 10. Be supportive and get involved. How?**
  - “Clap the rhythm of any measure in this piece and I will try to copy you.”
  - Point at any music marking and ask “What does this mean?”
  - “Wow, I like that song. Can you teach me how to play that tune?” Or, “Can I play the last note in this piece? Can you show me which key to press and when?”
  - “Let's surprise Grandma with a special song. I'll call her. Start playing when you hear me say HELLO.”
  - “What do you like about this song?” “Which part is difficult? Can you show me?”
  - “Can you play the piece in slow motion for me?”