

SAMA MONTHLY

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Student of the Month Elle A.



Elle, punctual and prepared to each voice lesson with instructor Diane Green,

arrives each week with genuine excitement to improve! Elle is striving to become an overall "performer". Elle's dedication to practice is remarkable for someone of her age. She is a prime example of a student that practices diligently to improve her talent. She sets herself up for success by keeping an updated practice log each week and by recording her lessons to listen to areas that need attention. Elle truly is a hard worker and delivers her best in lessons and performances. Great job, Elle!



Welcome to the staff, piano instructor, Fabian Beltran! Fabian is currently a music composition student at UTSA and is set to graduate next year.

*Please see our website for a complete bio.

The Importance of Parent-Instructor Communication

Parents want to know that lessons are making a difference in their child's life. The love that a child has for music is definitely an important part of lessons, but that can only go so far. Parents want to see growth and that their child is obtaining the tools necessary to become a stronger and more knowledgeable musician. Here are a few ideas to help you and your child track progress:



✓ **Set aside time before or after lessons:** The best way to learn about your child's growth is face to face meetings with the instructor. I find that the parents that seek feedback feel more involved in their child's learning process and can better encourage their child for success.



✓ **Encourage improvement through other motivations:** Try a reward system. Maybe offer a special treat or perk after each recital! Having them come up with goals will encourage your child to share their personal growth. Just make sure to set new ones as they fulfill accomplishments.



✓ **Keep a practice log:** Keep a notebook that tracks the consistency of weekly practice, the specific techniques being developed, and rep for that week. Parents, help practice by signing off on their weekly warm-ups and rep.



✓ **Attend recitals:** Recitals are a great way to set goals and to first hand witness your child's finished product. Attending them regularly also helps track progress and follow growth!

Parents, it may take some additional work on your part to commit to doing these "extra mile" steps. However, remember that these lessons are an investment for your child's future. The steps you take now will only strengthen their commitment and set them up for success in their musical and educational endeavors!

-Diane Green
Vocal Instructor