

At-Home Practice Tips

It's not about how MUCH you practice. It's about how WELL you practice.

When you practice at home...

- ♪ Use a music stand
- ♪ Be in a quiet area
- ♪ Sit or stand with correct posture



Practice Strategies

- ♪ CLAP or COUNT rhythms out loud while TAPPING your foot
- ♪ Practice fingering the notes first without playing
- ♪ SING your part
- ♪ Practice in CHUNKS, just a couple measures at a time, add a couple more until you can play them all
- ♪ SHOW AND TELL – speak note names in rhythm while tapping your foot

How long?

It is better to practice a little each night than a lot on just one night. 20-30 minutes each night should do the trick. Assignments should be ready to play at your lesson beginning to end without pausing or hesitating in the middle.

- ♪ If you cannot play the entire exercise, keep practicing
- ♪ If you cannot remember a fingering, look it up and keep practicing
- ♪ If you are not playing with a steady beat, tap your foot or use a metronome and keep practicing

Do not stop practicing throughout the week until you can play your assignment...

- ♪ With a steady beat
- ♪ With correct rhythms
- ♪ With correct notes and fingerings
- ♪ Musically!

