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After School General Info for Instructors

Level 3 adds the names of the piano keys. Some students may be in other music activities, so key names are good to know... makes it much more convenient for speaking about keys as well!

Please remind the students that it is very important that they learn the songs on the app well. Memorize every step - right hand alone, left hand alone, both hands together, contrary motion. The same songs are used on all the levels to make training the memory reflex easier. Knowing part of the song already makes it much easier.

Speaking of knowing part of the song.....it is also important to sing through these songs, even if they seem a bit silly - especially with "KK". Knowing how a song sounds makes it easier to learn to play. And... once a song can be played on the keyboard, also sing along. Even if a student "sings" silently it "counts" as singing the song. Many good pianists cannot sing and play at the same time. This is a great transferable skill!

Also remind the students to use the correct fingering when they play the songs on the app. If for some reason they choose to use different fingering, then tell them to consistently use that different fingering. We are trying to train muscle reflex - and also get them in the habit of training muscle reflex in other activities.

If students are using the Notation part of the app, remind them to stay on a level until they never make mistakes and can go at a fast rate!

For students with prior piano training I will indicate some games, etc. on my "Extras..." page online (under Step By Step).

Do the Level 3 activities in whatever order you wish. Just be sure the students are really comfortable with the concepts before going on to Level 4. All instructions should be adequate. Let me know if they are not. If possible use those suggested Playlist 3 videos on youtube. They give students another view of the Level 3 concepts...and, of course, it is easier to sing when you can sing with "KK".