

fabulous friday
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Violincello is the full name for this instrument. We normally just call it a "cello" (pronounced 'chell-o'). Fun fact: to be exactly correct, more than one cello is called "celli" (pronounced chell-ee)!



Familiar Friday, March 14, 2014

REVIEW

The more we review, the more automatic our skills become. This is great! But, we must fight the temptation to put our brain on autopilot. Pianist Sue Evans shares her 101 Ways to Practice One Note, One Measure, One Line... to keep our minds and bodies activated every single time!

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1. Play it your age.
2. Tape it.
3. Pick an UNO Card.

4. Throw the dice or die.
5. Wear a funny hat.
6. Wear funny glasses.
7. Left foot in the air.
8. Right foot in the air.
9. Eyes on the ceiling.
10. Eyes closed.
11. With toothbrush in mouth.
12. With gloves on.
13. With Kleenex on keys.
14. Write a story to sing with it.
15. Imagine you're on an island.
16. Imagine you're on skies.
17. Imagine you're in the ocean.
18. With a cookie in mouth.
19. While smiling.
20. While winking.
21. While crying.

22. With a frightened look.
23. While undressing.
24. While dressing.
25. With high octaves.
26. With low octaves.
27. While sitting on the floor.
28. While standing up.
29. While blowing a bubble.
30. Making up a rap or funny words.

Next Class:
April 25, 2014

Favorite Friday! The students are taking the lead today. Come prepared to share and play your favorite piece, game or music story!



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Review is so important that a Suzuki institute instructor once said, "You don't gain ability by learning new songs; you gain ability when you play review." Suzuki himself said that once the notes are learned, only then can we begin to make music with a piece.

**Check
out
these
upcoming
HASSA**

March 29
Spring Musicale

April 12
Ribbon Festival -
A wonderful opportunity
to receive a written
critique of a solo or an
ensemble performance.

April 25
FABULOUS FRIDAY
GROUP CLASS
Favorite Friday!

April 26
HASSA Graduation
Concert.

May 3-4
Spring Workshop with
Doris Preucil

May 9
FABULOUS FRIDAY
GROUP CLASS
Fiesta Friday!

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the rest of the 101 Ways

31. Making up words from other languages.
32. Making up nonsense words.
33. Sing in a baby voice.
34. Sing in a dad's voice.
35. Sing in different animal voices.
36. Have a relative accompany you with sound effects.
37. Have a relative play another song at the same time.
38. Play it and reward yourself with an M&M or candy.
39. Play it and give yourself money.
40. Parents play one hand.
41. Parents play another instrument at the same time.
42. Play it at different MM markings.
43. Wear a wig.
44. Wear a Tie.
45. Flip your wig.
46. Moo like a cow.
47. Oink like a pig.
48. Invite friends over and act it out like a play.
49. Invite friends over for a Music (Piano) Party.
50. Put ear plugs in.
51. Wear earmuffs.
52. Wear a coat.
53. Set an alarm clock for 5 minutes of play.
54. Clap your feet.
55. Play it with a damper pedal.
56. Play it with the sostenuto pedal.
57. Play it with the soft pedal.
58. Play it on another piano: church, school, store, friend's.
59. Play it backwards.
60. While reading a book.
61. While balancing a marshmallow on head or toe.
62. While gargling.
63. While on the phone.
64. While whistling.
65. While wearing a crown.
66. With the Suzuki tape.
67. While lying on the bench or floor.
68. While kneeling.
69. While standing on one foot.
70. In the dark.
71. With one eye shut.
72. While telling a joke.
73. While watching TV.
74. Cross hands.
75. Create some lyrics .
76. While balancing a textbook on head.
77. At midnight.
78. In your head while lying under the piano.
79. Play it while singing DO, RE, MI.
80. While saying "I Love You."
81. Have parents or friends dance.
82. By candlelight.
83. By flashlight.
84. With a baby on your lap.
85. Blindfolded.
86. Sing your name to the melody.
87. While writing a letter.
88. Hands separately.
89. While drinking.
90. While eating.
91. At different times during the day.
92. Play it on a dummy piano.
93. Play it on the back of your parent.
94. Play it on your lap and say the melody notes or harmony notes.
95. With a pencil in your hair.
96. With another CD going.
97. With your parents tapping the steady beats.
98. Play an ostinato pattern on kitchen instruments.
99. On the phone with your teacher.
100. While bouncing a ball with your other hand.
101. At 15-minute intervals.
102. DONE!

The Music Mind Games Corner

MMG Cornerstones



Say 'em, sing 'em, shout 'em, chant 'em, but do it out loud, before each practice session. You will remember them better and longer that way.

9. Neat materials make it easier to learn.

Keeping books, music, cards and supplies neat and organized keeps your brain neat and organized too!



singing "daily do" solfegge

10. Mistakes are a natural part of learning something new.

Don't let mistakes discourage you. Think of them as the next stepping stone to your eventual success!

11. Keep your spirits up and be positive about yourself.

Learning always feels easier when you are happy. Negative comments and



criticism can really slow down your progress and take all the fun out of it.

More MMG Cornerstones next time...