



3 Tips for Busy Families

It's that time of year again – school has started, sports teams are forming, dance and music lessons are underway, everybody is hungry, mom has to work late, the dog is chewing the furniture, and IT'S ALMOST CHRISTMAS!

Is it really is possible to enjoy these full days and keep the activity level just under “total chaos?” Yes, with some practical planning.

1. Everyone helps. If you live here and eat here, you are expected to help keep this ship afloat. Everyone wants to be useful and needed. Let them! Older kids can do almost every task in the household: load the dishwasher, vacuum, fix lunches, and more. A lightweight vacuum can be managed by a child of 6 or 7 – I know this from experience!

2. Activity ≠ Progress

Not all activity moves the family closer to its goals or mission. Carefully evaluate before joining a new team or organization. It may be something that builds life skills, offers camaraderie, or just for fun. Whatever the reason, choose the activities, don't let them choose you!

3. A Place for Everything and Everything in its Place! Old school but proven for generations to keep moms happy and kids on time for lessons!

Welcome New Students!

Autumn T. Scott W. Gloriannah S. Jill S.
Selah B. Amber D. Sebastian A. Nissi C.
Aubrey R. Emma R. Genesis F. Ashlyn T.
Houstin W. Santi P. Fabian F. Alexa W.

Can you join the Consecutive Club!?

The challenge: Play your instrument every day for 50 days – in a row – without missing a day.

- Pick up the form at the studio
- Make a note of the date and what you did at the keyboard or guitar. Mom or dad initial once a week.

Contest will run from October 1 until November 20, just before Thanksgiving break. Prizes will be awarded at our Christmas Holiday Recital.

Make it to 30 and you are **Bronze!**

Make it to 40 and you are **Silver!**

Make it to 50 and you are **Gold!**

The Prizes:

Bronze winners receive a \$5 Starbucks card.

Silver Winners receive a \$10 iTunes card.

Gold Winners receive a Pizza and Jump card from Ricochet AND are entered in a drawing for a Fire HD 7 Tablet!

See Julia or Lindsay for forms to get started October 1.

Prime Time Lesson Spots Still Available!

Piano: Monday 3:00, 4:00 and more!

Tuesday – 3:00, 3:30, 4:30 with Miss Karen

Wednesday – 3:30 with Mr. Joseph

Guitar and Ukulele: Thursday – 3:00, 3:30 4:00, Mr. Austin

It's not too late to start – come make music with us! Call today, lesson times are first come, first served!

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