

Practice Resources for Parents

It is not easy to be a parent in 2019. It is even tougher to be a Suzuki practice parent in 2019! Just as we aim to make the process easier for the kids, I would like to help make the process easier for the parents, too. Here are some valuable resources that will help encourage you, give you specific ideas and tricks to use during the lessons, and help you cast the process of learning piano in a philosophical light.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS



Parents as Partners Online

Video Inspiration for Suzuki Parents • January 15 through December 15, 2020

You're Invited!

The Parents as Partners Online Video Series is coming back in 2020 with new videos, new ideas, and fresh inspiration for both teachers & parents alike!

Plan to join us in January for weekly videos, with an audio-only/podcast option, focusing on essential topics:

- Working with Young Students & Beginners
- The Transition to Independent Practice
- Practice Tips & Strategies for all ages & instruments
- How to Support Learning & Keep Motivation High

If you've never participated in Parents as Partners before, we invite you to come learn with us. Teachers and parents will be sharing their top tips & ideas to help you on your musical journey.

New this year:

- A convenient online area for sharing ideas and discussing presentations
- Many interview-style videos
- Focus on teens & the transition to independent practice
- Many ideas for how teachers can use the videos to support parents in their studio.

Cost: around \$15-18 dollars for a 10 month access to all the above, with at least 5 families signing up.

Let me know right away if you are interested!

BOOKS

[Nurtured by Love - Shinichi Suzuki](#)

This book is the cornerstone upon which to build any Suzuki library. In it, the author presents the philosophy and principles of Suzuki's teaching methods. Through the examples from his own life and teaching, Suzuki establishes his case for early childhood education and the high potential of every human being---not just those seemingly gifted.

[Helping Parents Practice - Ed Sprunger](#)

As a parent, have you ever asked yourself these questions: Why doesn't my child listen to me when I give the same directions the teacher gave? Should we switch to a different teacher, or would a new instrument help? How do I get my child to play from the heart? Building on over 20 years of experience as a violin teacher, including multiple positions with the Suzuki Association of the Americas and the American String Teachers Association, Edmund Sprunger answers some of the most common concerns of parents who practice with their children.

[Life Lens: Seeing Your Children in Color - Michele Monohan Horner](#)

In "Life Lens: Seeing Your Children in Color," author and celebrated Suzuki music instructor Michele Monohan Horner breaks down a child's interior landscape into seven different colors. Far from typecasting, the foundation of the Life Lens method focuses on a respectful recognition of each individual's hardwired differences and learning how to meet others where they are most ready to learn

[Beyond the Music Lesson: Habits of Successful Suzuki Families - Christine Goodner](#)

Suzuki teacher and author, Christine Goodner, explores what it takes to make music lessons work in our busy, modern lives in her first book, Beyond the Music Lesson: Habits of Successful Suzuki Families. Using exclusive interviews, current research, and Goodner's own experience as a student, parent, and teacher, this book gives practical advice, specific ideas, and big-picture concepts sure to help every parent who reads it. Whether you are just beginning music lessons with your child or are an experienced parent looking for extra ideas and support, Beyond the Music Lesson will inspire you with new insight, motivation, and ways to make the process more successful in your own family.