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Is My Child Ready for Piano?

For a 50-minute live online class, once a week. A readiness checklist from a teacher who has taught for 20 years and run multiple music schools.

Talent isn't on this list. Readiness is. Check every box that sounds like your child today.

1. Focus & Learning

- [ ] Can stay focused on one activity for 30–45 minutes
- [ ] Can follow three-step directions from a teacher, not just from you
- [ ] Reads simple sentences fluently on their own

2. Hands & Body

- [ ] Can wiggle each finger on its own, one at a time
- [ ] Can sit at the keyboard for a 50-minute class, with one short stretch break
- [ ] Holds a pencil correctly and writes letters neatly

3. Curiosity

- [ ] Enjoys music: sings, dances or taps along
- [ ] Wants to learn piano: it's their idea too, not just yours
- [ ] Enjoys learning with other kids and bounces back after a mistake

4. You, the Parent

- [ ] There is a full-size keyboard and a Chromebook or iPad at home
- [ ] Your child can join a 50-minute live online class every week
- [ ] You can set aside 15–20 minutes a day for practice

What your checks mean

Most boxes checked

Your child is ready. The best time to start is now, while the curiosity is fresh.

A few unchecked

Completely normal. A good teacher builds these skills in the first lessons. Under 7? Save this and check again on their 7th birthday.

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