

Fall 2021

GPSA Graduation



Dear Parents,

The **Piano Preparatory Level** was instituted as part of the 2009-2010 GPSA Graduation program, so that Suzuki piano students would have the opportunity to participate in the program earlier in their study, just as string students do. The added benefit is that they will receive feedback about their playing, as well as recognition of their accomplishments, at this earlier level in the repertoire. Piano students are *required to begin the Graduation level sequence with the Preparatory level*.

Teachers will assist their students in recording the *Twinkle Variations* with teacher accompaniment, and also *Allegro* - the two most technically challenging pieces in Book 1. Students must be working at the *Short Story/Happy Farmer level* or beyond to participate.

Students *and their teachers* are required to attend one of the Graduation recitals on **March 20, 2022** as audience members. Students will be presented with a trophy at the end of the recital, remaining onstage with the performers for a final group Bow.

Teri Paradero is the hired evaluator who will listen to and comment on students' performances. Teri is a Suzuki piano teacher in the Rochester, NY area. She has studied extensively with Dr. Haruko Kataoka. Teri will prepare a written evaluation for each student as well as comments for each teacher.

We hope that many of you will participate this year.

Sincerely,

Carole Mayers and Joan Krzywicki, Chairpersons