

# Group Lessons? YES! You Can!

## Structural Considerations

- Class size: How big a group? 3 (stations) or as many as 8
- Age of student
- Length of class
- Alternating off the bench and on the bench activities
- Class Structure has 3 options:
  - in addition to regular private lesson
  - group lesson only, no private lesson
  - group live and private zoom repertoire/technique follow up

## Equipment Considerations

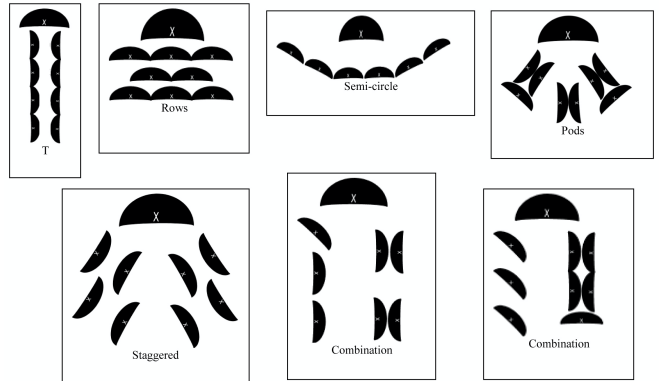
- Keyboards (stands, benches, power cord): Costco holiday deals, Amazon
- Board -magnetic dry erase with permanent marker or ¼” electrical tape staff lines
- Basic note magnet set: Let’s Play Music “Connections Visual Aids Packet”
- Headphones: Amazon \$30
- Rhythm cards: many sources
- Smart Staff/Quiet Keyboard: Let’s Play Music – free download
- Floor mat keyboard: Amazon \$30
- Floor staff: Let’s Play Music or put tape on your floor
- Stools, foot rests: IKEA has these for \$6 or less
- Counters/letters: math or education websites
- Large floor drum: Amazon \$60

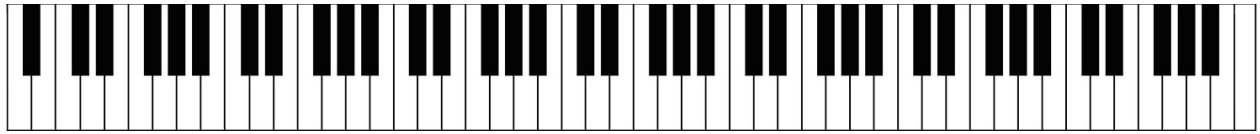
## Classroom Set Up

- Keyboard arrangement possibilities
- Items on keyboards- use sticky back Velcro (pencil cup, pens, wipes, counter holder)

## Classroom Management (discipline)

- Number one rule – the student is in control
- Introductory routine – the on/off switch, volume control, etc.
- Routines – ready words, hands on head/shoulders/lap
- Plenty of ‘off keyboard’ activities, more depending on age
- Rules: NEVER play when teacher is talking, or you turn off your keyboard





## 60 minute Class Lesson Plan

### Opening Keyboard – 15 min.

- Ear training, sight reading – 5 min. (dictation or identification of melody, intervals, rhythm)
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- Scale, cadence, technique work- 5 min. (scale tracks)
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- Theory lesson intro- 5 min. (key signatures, triads, inversions, primary triads, circle of 5ths)
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### Floor work- 10 min.

- Theory lesson continued on floor, using floor staff, piano mat, magnet board- 5 min.
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- Rhythm work – 5 min. (rhythm cards, group performance using sticks or instruments)
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### Repertoire Keyboard – 25 min.

- Ensemble repertoire- 10 min.
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- Individual repertoire work (headphones) – 15 min.
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### Floor work – 10 min.

- History/Classical music lesson- 5 min. (Let's Play Music Bundles & Modules)
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- Game to reinforce theory concept – 5 min. (Music BINGO, circle games, Amazon or TPT)
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See?? You CAN do it!